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Nestled along Route 1, just 50 minutes from both Portland and Camden, the Wiscasset region - made up of six charming towns - is packed with local character and adventures for every kind of traveler. Whether you're stopping for a quick detour or settling in for a longer stay, you'll find cozy inns, delicious dining, unique shops, outdoor escapes, stunning views, and a history as rich as the experience.

Welcome to Wiscasset, the heart of Midcoast Maine, where history meets coastal charm. As you journey along Route 1, you'll find our picturesque village nestled on the banks of the Sheepscot River, inviting you to slow down, explore, and immerse yourself in the beauty of our community. Whether you're here to experience our rich maritime heritage, savor fresh seafood by the water, or browse through locally owned shops, Wiscasset offers a warm welcome to visitors from near and far — and to those who are proud to call it home year-round.

Our region, made up of six towns, boasts a diverse array of experiences that cater to every traveler while supporting a strong and engaged local community. History enthusiasts can step back in time at sites like Castle Tucker and Pownalborough Courthouse, while art lovers can stroll through galleries filled with local talent. For those seeking adventure, scenic trails, sailing excursions, and nature walks offer a chance to connect with Maine's stunning coastline. Throughout the seasons, small businesses and dedicated service providers work hard to keep Wiscasset thriving as both a welcoming destination and a wonderful place to live.

The Wiscasset Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to serve as a resource for both visitors and locals alike. We encourage you to explore all that our town has to offer and to connect with the incredible businesses and community members who make Wiscasset special. Whether you're planning a weekend getaway or live here year round, we invite you to discover why Wiscasset is known as the "Prettiest Village in Maine."

Enjoy your time in the Wiscasset region — we can't wait to share it with you!

Sincerely,

*The Wiscasset Area
Chamber of Commerce*

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About the Cover

This year's cover image, shot by Bob Bond of 40 Federal Studio, features local lobster boat *Angelina* on the Sheepscot River.

"I was born and raised in Wiscasset with generations of family roots in the area. Both my father and grandfather were businessmen in Wiscasset. My lobster boat, "Angelina" was built with the help of a friend and named after my daughter. I have been a full-time lobsterman since 1990. My love for Wiscasset, lobstering and the community makes me proud to call Wiscasset my hometown. I live my life by my dad's motto, "do one thing and do it well". -Jody Haggett, owner



Plan Your Visit



Events

IN & AROUND WISCASSET

Wiscasset and its surrounding towns offer something worth celebrating in every season — from summer concerts on the village common to fall festivals, winter gatherings, and the quiet pleasures of a spring day on the Midcoast.

The events listed here are just a sampling of what's happening throughout the year, and the region's calendar continues to grow. For the most up-to-date 2026–27 dates, details, and ticketing information, we encourage you to visit each host organization's website directly.



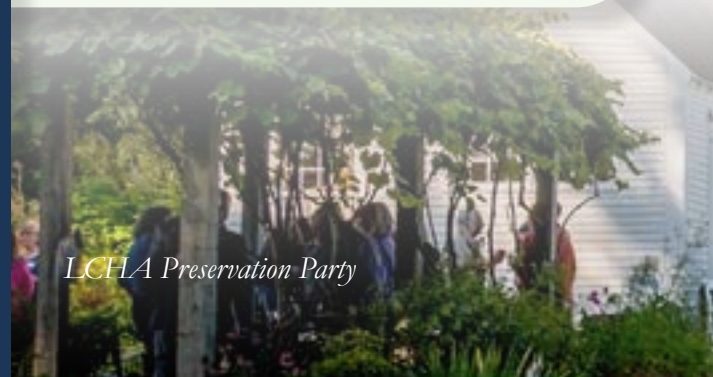
Steam & Sleigh at WW&F Railway Museum



Explore more events at
wiscassetchamber.com

ONGOING EVENTS

- Monday Night Cornhole at the Wiscasset Community Center
Mondays, October through April
- Monday Night Trivia at Bath Ale Works
Mondays, Year-round
- Business After Hours events with the Wiscasset Area Chamber of Commerce
Monthly, Year-round; Dates vary
- Alive on the Common Concert Series
Select Thursdays throughout the summer
- Music on the Railway Concert Series at WW&F Railway Museum
Select Sundays June - September
- Behind Closed Doors at Castle Tucker
Select Dates, July - September
- Wiscasset Art Walk
Select Thursdays throughout the summer
- Sunday Sessions Live Music at Panacea
Most Sundays, Year-round



LCHA Preservation Party

JANUARY

- Wiscasset WinterFest

FEBRUARY

- Steam & Sleigh Trains at WW&F Railway Museum

MARCH

- Maine Restaurant Week

APRIL

- Season Opening at Wiscasset Speedway
- Eggspress Train to SeaLyon Farm at WW&F Railway Museum

MAY

- Plant Sale by the Garden Club of Wiscasset
- Memorial Day Celebration at the Pownalborough Courthouse
- WWI Reenactment at WW&F Railway Museum

JUNE

- Wiscasset Wormfest
- Strawberry Festival by St. Philip's Episcopal Church
- Community Day with Lincoln County Historical Association
- Civil War Reenactment at WW&F Railway Museum

JULY

- Cocktails at the Castle by Castle Tucker
- Wiscasset 4th of July Parade
- Dresden Summerfest by Lincoln County Historical Association
- History Alive Gala with Friends of Westport Island History

AUGUST

- Maine Night Market at Maine Tasting Center
- Maine Bagel Bake-Off at Maine Tasting Center
- Jailhouse Rock! at the Wiscasset Old Jail by Lincoln County Historical Association

SEPTEMBER

- Cast Iron Cook-Off at Chewonki Campground
- Maine Needham Festival at Maine Tasting Center
- Bands for Books with Friends of Wiscasset Public Library
- Preservation Party at Pownalborough Court House by Lincoln County Historical Association

OCTOBER

- Wiscasset Scarecrow Fest
- Nightmare on Federal Street Halloween Celebration
- Wiscasset Homes on Tour

NOVEMBER

- Wiscasset Early Bird Sales & Small Business Saturday
- Light Up Wiscasset Holiday Decorating

DECEMBER

- Wiscasset Holiday Marketfest
- Victorian Christmas Train & Market at WW&F Railway Museum



Plan Your Visit

STAY *in Wiscasset*

Vacation Rentals | Campgrounds | Senior Living | Year-Round Homes



SEA SALT BOUTIQUE COTTAGES

87 Federal Street | Wiscasset, ME

Tucked along a quiet, rose-lined street in Wiscasset's historic district, Sea Salt Boutique Cottages offers visitors an intimate stay that blends coastal charm with the timeless character of the "Prettiest Village in Maine." The property features three thoughtfully designed cottages that combine the personalized feel of a boutique bed-and-breakfast with the privacy of an independent retreat, ideal for travelers seeking both relaxation and a true sense of place.

Each cottage reflects a distinctive slice of Midcoast Maine hospitality, from romantic spaces for couples to a restored Victorian home suited for families or small groups. Guests are welcomed with personal touches such as fresh flowers, locally inspired décor, and cottage host Ammi's signature blueberry muffins alongside coffee and tea to begin the day. Many of the buildings preserve historic elements — like original pine floors, carriage-house roots, and wraparound porches — while offering modern comforts including Wi-Fi, updated kitchens, and comfortable living spaces.

Set on an acre within walking distance of the village, the cottages provide easy access to Wiscasset's galleries, shops, and dining, while remaining a peaceful home base for exploring the region. Visitors can stroll nearby historic streets, enjoy views of the tidal Sheepscot River, or simply unwind in the gardens and quiet surroundings that define this inviting property. With its blend of heritage, hospitality, and walkable village location, Sea Salt Boutique Cottages offers an authentic and memorable way to experience Midcoast Maine.



Learn more and plan your stay at seasaltboutiquecottages.com

SUNKEN GARDEN STAY

8 Federal Street | Wiscasset, ME

Tucked into the heart of the village, The Sunken Garden Stay offers visitors an immersive step into Wiscasset's layered past. Set within a beautifully preserved 1784 Colonial home overlooking the historic Sunken Garden landmark, the two-bedroom apartment blends open, airy living with the intimate character of an early New England residence. Original exposed beams, thoughtful renovations, and carefully curated furnishings create a balance of historic charm and modern comfort.

The stay reflects the artistic sensibility of its owners, local hosts Jenn & John LePore who pride themselves on top notch hospitality and are also the proprietors of Red Bull Antiques; their passion for design is evident throughout the space. Every detail is intentionally styled, echoing the philosophy that interiors should tell a story through timeless pieces and craftsmanship. Guests enjoy a fully equipped kitchen, cozy breakfast nook overlooking the gardens, comfortable beds with luxury bedding and amenities including central a/c, radiant-heated bathroom floors and beach gear.

Located within walking distance of Wiscasset's shops, galleries, and waterfront dining, The Sunken Garden Stay provides both convenience and a quiet retreat, with a private driveway and entrance in a village setting that feels secluded yet connected. It is ideal for travelers who appreciate design, history, and a sense of place. This five star accommodation invites guests to experience Wiscasset not just as visitors, but as temporary residents surrounded by the textures and stories of coastal Maine.

Visit [Airbnb.com](https://www.airbnb.com) to book your stay



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LODGING | RESIDENTIAL | REAL ESTATE

LODGING

- Chewonki Campground
235 Chewonki Neck Road, Wiscasset, ME 04578
(207) 882-7426 | chewonkicampground.com
- Nickels- Sortwell House
121 Main Street, Wiscasset, ME 04578
(207) 882-7169 | vacasa.com/unit/54619
- Sea Salt Boutique Cottages
87 Federal Street, Wiscasset, ME 04578
(207) 315-1222 | seasaltboutiquecottages.com
- Sunken Garden Stay
8 Federal Street, Wiscasset, ME 04578
Airbnb.com



REAL ESTATE SERVICES

- Cromwell Coastal Properties
44 Colby Drive, Woolwich, ME 04579
(207) 882-9100 | cromwellprop.com
- Mountains to Shore Board of Realtors
9 Alden Street, Camden, ME 04843
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www.mountainstoshoreboard.com

- Tim Dunham Realty
152 Main Street, Wiscasset, ME 04578
(207) 882-5020 | dunhamrealty.com

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EAT *in Wiscasset*

Classic Seafood | Farm to Table Dining | Unique Eats





On Wiscasset's historic Main Street, Panacea offers a fresh take on coastal comfort food rooted in nourishment, nostalgia, and community connection. Founded by local restaurateur Chauncey Erskine, the eatery was created as a place where guests can “find nourishment in their food, and each other,” reflecting a philosophy that comfort food feeds both body and spirit. The menu highlights approachable favorites — grilled cheeses, chowders, and seasonal soups — often prepared with locally sourced ingredients and even vegan options, celebrating the long maritime tradition of hearty, resourceful coastal cooking.

The name itself speaks to the restaurant's purpose. A “panacea,” meaning a universal remedy, captures Erskine's vision of food, the ocean, and shared gathering as restorative experiences tied to place and memory. Nautical décor, maritime history references, and playful details evoke Maine's seafaring heritage while creating a warm, welcoming setting that feels both casual and deeply rooted in local culture.

More than simply a stop for lunch, Panacea functions as a community hub — an extension of Wiscasset's small-town rhythm. The restaurant was envisioned as a gathering place that hosts events such as poetry readings and game nights, offering opportunities to linger, meet neighbors, and share experiences beyond the table. Whether dropping in for a bowl of chowder, joining an open cribbage game, or catching live music, guests will find Panacea embodies the spirit of Midcoast Maine hospitality: unhurried, welcoming, and best enjoyed together.

Learn more at panaceamaine.com

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(207) 687-8244 | www.backriverbistro.com
- Jodie's Cafe and Bakery
45 Water Street, Wiscasset, ME 04578
(207) 687-8204
www.facebook.com/jodiescafeandbakery
- Panacea
100 Main Street, Wiscasset, ME 04578
(207) 687-8488 | www.panaceamaine.com
- Red's Eats
41 Water Street, Wiscasset, ME 04578
(207) 882-6128 | redseatsmaine.com
- Sea Basket
303 Bath Road, Wiscasset, ME 04578
(207) 882-6581 | seabasket.com
- Sprague's Lobster
22 Main Street, Wiscasset, ME 04578
(207) 882-1236
www.facebook.com/spragueslobster
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942 US-1, Woolwich, ME 04579
(207) 443-6563 | www.themontsweag.com
- Water Street Kitchen & Bar
15 Water Street, Wiscasset, ME 04578
(207) 687-8076 | waterstreetmaine.com
- Water's Edge Restaurant & Bar
306 Eddy Rd Unit 1, Edgecomb, ME 04556
(207) 579-1800 | watersedgerestaurantandbar.com

QUICK BITES

- Market 27
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BARS & TASTING ROOMS

- Bath Ale Works
681 Bath Road, Wiscasset, ME 04578
(207) 687-8160 | bathaleworks.com
- Maine Tasting Center
506 Old Bath Rd, Wiscasset, ME 04578
(207) 558-5772 | mainetastingcenter.com

SPECIALTY

- Big Barn Coffee
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- Sweetz & More
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(207) 687-8226 | sweetzandmore.com



Plan Your Visit

SHOP *in Wiscasset*

Antiques | Boutiques | Unique Finds



THE PEACEFUL PAGAN VINTAGE SHOP

6 Railroad Ave | Wiscasset, ME



Nestled on a quiet waterfront street just behind the iconic Red's Eats, The Peaceful Pagan Vintage offers a thoughtfully curated journey through fashion history. Owner Jen Fox spent twenty years as a nomadic vintage dealer before opening her first brick-and-mortar shop here — bringing deep expertise and a genuine passion for the craft to every rack. The shop stands out for its carefully selected collection of men's and women's clothing spanning the 1900s to the early 2000s, creating a space where every garment tells a story. From delicate Edwardian-era details to bold mid-century silhouettes and nostalgic late-20th-century styles, the boutique invites visitors to explore decades of evolving design and craftsmanship.

What sets The Peaceful Pagan Vintage apart is its commitment to quality and authenticity. Each piece is handpicked with an eye for condition, uniqueness, and wearability, ensuring that customers can find garments that feel both timeless and expressive. Whether it's a structured 1940s coat, a flowing 1970s dress, or a perfectly worn-in denim jacket from the 1990s, the collection reflects a deep appreciation for the artistry of past eras while remaining accessible for modern wardrobes.

Beyond its racks of vintage treasures, the shop fosters a welcoming and creative atmosphere that resonates with both seasoned collectors and curious newcomers. Fox's eye for relationships — she's known for seeking out pieces with specific customers in mind — gives the shop a personal quality that's rare in retail. The Peaceful Pagan Vintage is more than a retail space — it's an experience rooted in sustainability, individuality, and reverence for fashion's past. Visitors leave not only with distinctive pieces but also with a renewed sense of connection to the stories woven into each garment.



Learn more on Instagram
[@the_peaceful_pagan_vintage](#)

Member Directory

SHOPPING

BOUTIQUES AND SHOPS

- Fiction A Novel Bookshop
49 Water Street, Wiscasset, ME 04578
(207) 687-8120 | www.fictionbookshop.com
- Industrial ME, LLC
Creamery Pier, Wiscasset, ME 04578
theindustrialme.com
- Maine Art Gallery
15 Warren Street, Wiscasset, ME 04578
(207) 687-8143 | maineartgallerywiscasset.org
- Rock Paper Scissors
68 Main Street, Wiscasset, ME 04578
(207) 882-9930 | rockpaperscissorsmaine.com
- The Bird Gallery
51 Middle Street, Wiscasset, ME 04578
birdgalleryme.com
- The Butterstamp Workshop
55 Middle Street, Wiscasset, ME 04578
(207) 882-7825
butterstampworkshop.tripod.com
- The Peaceful Pagan Vintage
6 Railroad Ave, Wiscasset, ME 04578
(207) 415-9782
www.instagram.com/the_peaceful_pagan_vintage
- Village Handcraft
52 Water Street, Wiscasset, ME 04578
(207) 814-8720 | www.villagehandcraft.com

ANTIQUES

- A Step Back in Time
3 Caston Rd, Pittston, ME 04345
(207) 203-0112 | www.facebook.com/p/A-Step-Back-In-Time-LLC-61579250248554/

- Montsweag Flea Market
44 Hunnewell Lane, Woolwich, ME 04579
(207) 443-2809 | montsweagfleamarket.com
- Red Bull Antiques & Decor
8 Federal Street, Wiscasset, ME 04578
(207) 329-7129 | redbullantiquesanddecor.com
- Wiscasset Antiques Mall
536 Bath Road, Wiscasset, ME 04578
(207) 882-4029 | wiscassetantiquesmallme.com

SPECIALTY PRODUCTS

- Ames True Value Hardware & Supply
447 Bath Rd, Wiscasset, ME 04578
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564 Bath Rd, Wiscasset, ME 04578
(207) 687-8146 | jarcannabis.com
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LINCOLN COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Wiscasset, Dresden & Damariscotta, ME

Founded in 1954 by Mildred Burrage, a noted Maine artist and passionate voice in the mid-century historic preservation movement, the Lincoln County Historical Association has spent more than seventy years ensuring that the region's most significant historic buildings are not only preserved, but shared with the public. What began with the 1811 Old Jail in Wiscasset has grown to encompass three sites, each one a window into a different chapter of American history.

The Old Jail and attached Jailer's House on Federal Street in Wiscasset is among the oldest remaining jails in New England. In Dresden, the 1761 Pownalborough Court House, Maine's only pre-Revolutionary courthouse, sits on a stretch of the Kennebec River that feels genuinely unchanged by time. And in Damariscotta, the circa-1754 Chapman-Hall House stands as a rare surviving example of a regional colonial home. Together, the three sites tell a story that spans the full arc of early American life in Maine.

Behind it all is a lively organization with an active board, a small part-time staff, and roughly one hundred volunteers who bring the same dedication to historical research and interpretation as they do to the hands-on work of caring for the buildings and collections. Director Shannon Gilmore puts it simply: "If you love any place — Wiscasset, for example — its history is woven into everything, from its geography to its buildings, roads, and trees. These places help tell the stories of what happened here, and those stories provide the context that helps us understand our lives today."

Summer programming includes the beloved annual Jailhouse Rock party at the Old Jail each August, summer camps for kids, and a popular online winter lecture series that draws attendees from across the country.

Visit lincolncountyhistory.org to plan your visit or become a member.



Pownalborough Court House (Dresden)
Open Memorial Day to Indigenous Peoples Day
Thursday, Saturday & Sunday: 10am-4pm
Admission: \$15 per adult, free for children



Chapman-Hall House (Damariscotta)
Open Memorial Day to Indigenous Peoples Day
Saturday & Sunday 12-4pm
Mid-week tours by appointment
Admission: \$10 per adult, free for children



Old Jail & Jailer's House (Wiscasset)
Open Memorial Day to end of September
Saturday & Sunday 12-4pm
Admission: \$15 per adult, free for children

BEYOND THE VILLAGE

Exploring the Wiscasset Region's Trails and Preserves

The Wiscasset region is as rewarding to explore on foot as it is to wander by car, and the network of trails and preserves surrounding the village offers something for every kind of outdoor enthusiast, from casual walkers to serious hikers seeking a full day's adventure.

1



Right in Wiscasset itself, the Chewonki Foundation's Back River Trail at Eaton Farm is arguably the region's most ambitious outdoor destination. This 4.5-mile trail winds through a 200-acre conservation property along the Back River, with long-range plans to extend it all the way to Wiscasset's waterfront — eventually making it the longest coastal hiking trail outside of Acadia National Park. Whether you hike the full length or simply explore a stretch of the estuarine landscape, it's a genuinely special experience. A kiosk and ample parking make it easy to find and accessible to all.

Just across the water on Westport Island, the Bonyun Preserve offers a quieter, more intimate outing. This easy 1.7-mile loop managed by the Kennebec Estuary Land Trust winds through old-growth forest — white pine, oak, and hemlock — past tidal inlets and salt marshes alive with herons, egrets, and migrating shorebirds. The remains of a historic 19th-century mill dam add a layer of local history to an already lovely walk. It's free, open dawn to dusk, and consistently ranks among hikers' favorite trails in the Midcoast.

2





In Dresden, the trails at Pownalborough Court House offer a rewarding outing that pairs natural beauty with a remarkable sense of history. Directly across from Maine's only pre-Revolutionary courthouse, 150 acres of woodland are home to over three miles of trails, including a 1,500-foot accessible trail from the parking area, winding through ravines, fern meadows, and groves of towering white pine and eastern hemlock. The trail system follows the western flank of the ridge dividing the Eastern and Kennebec Rivers, with loop options for a range of distances and terrain.

It's a beautiful walk in any season, open to hikers, snowshoers, and cross-country skiers alike. And, with one of New England's most storied historic landmarks standing just across the road, the sense of walking through living history is never far away.

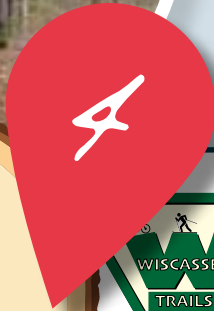


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Right in the heart of Wiscasset, the West Woods trail system winds through more than 200 acres of woodland across three connected properties — the Sortwell Memorial Forest, the Wiscasset Town Forest, and Morris Farm. The Tall Pines Trail lives up to its name, passing beneath towering northern pines on what was once open pasture. Open year-round, with trailheads at the Wiscasset Community Center and Wiscasset Middle High School.



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My Perfect Day in Wiscasset

By Loretta Morse Leighton

My perfect day often turns into wandering. In Wiscasset, shopkeepers are friends, and a simple errand downtown is never simple. Connection lives here, and I start by walking our dogs to the back door of Treats. They bark eagerly, waiting for a treat from Josh the baker, a ritual as reliable as the tide.

Later, I step into Fiction, the bookstore. It's warm in every sense, including the welcome of the owner, Toni. From there, I drift into The Peaceful Pagan, where Jen describes her pieces as wearable art. Once, I walked out wearing a giant 1950s hat and strolled past the line of people waiting for lobster rolls at Red's Eats to the cheers and laughter of locals and tourists alike. A trip out isn't complete without popping into the Bird Gallery, where Rachel can be seen painting birds to life. Across the street is Eric, owner and creator of Village Handcraft-his cat Dusty perched on his shoulders as he works, the smell of fresh wood drifting into the street as he crafts it into something beautiful.

By lunchtime, I head to Jolie Rogers for oysters so fresh they taste like the salty air I breathe. As evening approaches, sometimes it means a lobster dinner from Sprague's, and other times it's dinner at Back River Bistro.

History isn't tucked away here; it's woven into everyday life. I find myself thinking about how many lives have unfolded inside the old homes and antique shops that line the village. There are far more shops, studios, and small businesses than could ever fit into one perfect day, and each adds its own texture to this place. Many shops are walkable, but there are treasures just a short drive from the village center.

What makes Wiscasset truly unique is its people. There are the "lifers," those of us who are from here, and those from "away" who arrive with fresh eyes and new ideas-the old and the new, the rooted and the curious, the past and what's still becoming. It's why a perfect day here isn't about seeing everything. It's about belonging to it, whether as a tourist for the day or a resident.

And on days like this, I'm reminded how lucky I am to call it home.



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Today, Alna's past lives on through landmarks like the Alna Meeting House (1789), Alna School (1795), Old Head Tide Church, and the villages of Head Tide and Sheepscot. Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Edwin Arlington Robinson once called Head Tide home. Visitors can also ride the Wiscasset, Waterville & Farmington Railway, a lovingly restored narrow gauge train that once connected the valley to Maine's interior. With historic buildings and natural charm, Alna offers a quiet yet powerful glimpse into Maine's early history.



DRESDEN

Originally settled as "Frankfort" in 1752 and incorporated in 1794, Dresden borders the Kennebec River and is steeped in early colonial history. Once the West Precinct of Pownalborough, it was home to the Pownalborough Courthouse, where figures like John Hancock and Samuel Adams once tried cases.

With a legacy of farming, fishing, and shipping, Dresden is known for its fertile farmland, woodlands, and riverfront access. Visitors can explore Green Point Wildlife Management Area and the Dresden Bog trail, both offering wildlife viewing and peaceful walks. A standout landmark is St. John's Church, a colorful, historic site that, while no longer holding services, remains a beloved piece of Dresden's architectural story.



EDGECOMB

Incorporated in 1774, Edgecomb is nestled between the Sheepscot and Damariscotta Rivers, shaped by the rocky slopes of Mount Hunger Ridge. Visitors can explore the Charles and Connie Schmid Preserve, nearly 800 acres of public trails for hiking, skiing, and wildlife viewing, part of the River-Link Project.

A standout landmark is Fort Edgecomb, a State Historic Site built in 1808 to protect Wiscasset during the War of 1812. The hexagonal blockhouse is the best-preserved of its kind on the Eastern Seaboard, offering sweeping views of the Narrows and Westport Island. Edgecomb also features several private homes on the National Register of Historic Places. The "Marie Antoinette House", with legendary ties to a failed rescue plot of the French queen, adds a touch of mystery to the town's rich history.



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Once part of Edgecomb and known as Jeremy Squam, Westport Island became its own town in 1828. Surrounded by the Sheepscot, Back, and Sasanoa Rivers, this 11-mile island has a long history tied to the sea. Settled in the mid-1700s by woodcutters and fishermen, it soon became home to tidal mills and boatbuilding, fueling a vibrant coastal economy. By the 1880s, summer visitors arrived by steamboat, leading to the development of roads, cottages, and small farms. After WWII and the construction of a causeway in 1952, later replaced by a bridge, access to the island improved and new residents arrived.

Today, Westport Island offers peaceful beauty and natural experiences. Visit Clough Point Preserve for scenic river views, explore tidal history and wildlife at the Bonyun Preserve, or launch a kayak from Wright Landing, located at the site of the island's old ferry.



WISCASSET

First settled in the 1660s and incorporated in 1760, Wiscasset is a town rich in maritime history and architectural beauty. Once part of Pownalborough, Wiscasset became Lincoln County's shiretown in 1794, thanks in part to its deep-water harbor on the Sheepscot River, one of the deepest in Maine despite being 14 miles from the sea. By the early 1800s, it was the busiest shipping port east of Boston.

Wiscasset's prosperity left a legacy of stunning Federal-era architecture. Visitors can explore the village on foot and see historic landmarks like Castle Tucker, the Nickels-Sortwell House, the 1811 Old Jail, and the Maine Art Gallery, once the town's academy. Today, Wiscasset is known for antique shops, art galleries, restaurants, and scenic waterfront access, including piers and boat launches.



WOOLWICH

Originally called Nequasset by the Abenaki, Woolwich was first settled in 1638 and incorporated in 1759. The area has a complex and dramatic colonial history, including attacks during King Philip's War, King William's War, and Dummer's War, as settlers and Indigenous peoples clashed. Despite early conflict, Woolwich persevered and grew into a thriving riverside town.

Bordered by the Kennebec and Sasanoa Rivers, Woolwich developed industries in shipbuilding, brickmaking, and agriculture. Timber-rich forests and fertile soil supported early economic growth, and by the mid-1800s, the town was home to mills, shipyards, and small farms. Today, Woolwich blends rich history with natural beauty, offering a quiet but storied piece of Maine's past.



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