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**ADDITION 04606**

Pleasant Bay Llama Keep  110 acre working llama farm with 1 1/2 miles of coast line trails, blueberries, llama walks, general farm activities and B&B accommodations. West Side Rd, Box 222. Open year round. 483-4490.

**AUGUSTA 04330**

Children’s Discovery Museum  “Hands-on” interactive exhibits, interdisciplinary in scope. Target age is preschool-5th grade. Workshops, performances, and family events held regularly. 265-67 Water Street, open year round; hours and days still in transition. 622-2209.

Maine State Museum  Exhibits of Maine’s natural environment, pre history and social history. “12,000 Years in Maine,” an exhibition of archaeological materials, includes more than 2,000 artifacts and specimens dating from the last ice age up to the 19th century. Other exhibits feature plants, animals, agriculture, fishing, granite quarrying, ice harvesting, lumbering, shipbuilding and wall murals. Admission charged, under 6 free. Wheelchair accessible, museum store. Open daily, year-round; Mon-Fri 9-5, Sat 10-4, Sun 1-4. Capitol Complex 04333 (Route 201). 287-2301.

**BANGOR 04401**

Cole Land Transportation Museum  exhibits 200 Maine antique vehicles. Exhibits include barrel & harness manufacture, weights and measures, ice harvesting, two blacksmith shops, military, and complete railroad station. Hands on experiences include operation of mechanical, hydraulic and air brakes; and use of some of the equipment in the railroad station including hand operated phones and the telegraph. 405 Perry Rd., Open May 1-Nov 11 daily 9-5. 990-3600.

**BAR HARBOR 04609**

Acadia National Park  Naturalist programs. 120 programs offered weekly including walks, cruises & campground slide presentations. Early June - early October. “Natures Way for Children,” offered 2-3 times weekly, for 8-11 year-old children and parents. Inquire at Visitor Center on Route 3 for complete schedule of ranger activities & information on the Junior Ranger Program for age 8 or older. 288-3338.

Island Soaring Glider Rides  Experience the thrill, the exhilaration, the quiet adventure of a motorless soaring flight for one or two passengers. (The Sunset ride is magnificent!) Open daily til sunset, May-October. All ages. Hancock County - Bar Harbor Airport, Route 3. Reservations: 667-SOAR.

Mount Desert Oceanarium - Lobster Hatchery  Lobsters are hatched from eggs and raised through early vulnerable weeks and then released in local waters. Facilities include mother lobsters, juvenile lobsters in tanks in various stages of growth, and microscopic view of tiny lobsters. Hatchery personnel explain the process. Open to the public 9-5 daily except Sundays May-October. Allsite tickets available. 1 Harbor Place, 288-2334.

Mount Desert Oceanarium-Bar Harbor  An expansion of the Southwest Harbor Oceanarium, this growing marine educational center offers exhibits not available in, but complementary to Oceanarium Southwest. Live harbor seals, a living salt marsh, and The Maine Lobster Museum, a harbor seal program, with feedings, and a walk along the salt marsh. Staff on hand. Open daily May-October, Mon-Sat 9-5. Allsite tickets available, 288-5005.

Natural History Museum  houses a variety of exhibits depicting birds and mammals in their natural setting. Animal skeletons, a marine touch tank and a nature trail are also available. Daily participatory programs include: assembling a 20-foot whale skeleton; handling a bird’s wing; dissecting a naugahyde, replica of a whale. College of the Atlantic, 105 Eden St., Rt. 3. Open June to Labor Day, daily 9-5. 288-5015.
Robert Abbe Museum Visitors can explore the area's native American heritage. Using objects from stone and bone tools of 11,000 years ago to contemporary art work, the Museum tells the story of Maine's first people. Dioramas depict how life changed with the seasons, and a "Touch Board" lets visitors encounter for themselves the smell of sweet grass, the texture of bear fur and the feel of a stone tool. The Museum Shop has one of the best offerings of Maine baskets and other Native American crafts in the area, and an extensive selection of books. Programs for adults and children are offered throughout the summer. Open May 15 through October. Daily 10-4, July and Aug 9-5. Abbe Museum, Box 286, or call 288-3519.

BATH 04530


BELFAST 04915

Belfast Moosehead Lake Railroad Scramble aboard the vintage 1924 Pullman Day Coaches pulled by a first-generation General Electric diesel locomotive. Travel along the salt tide's edge, up the banks of the Passagassawakeag River, into the lush green forests where Native Americans once stalked the abundant game, across hill and dale past fields cleared by the country's earliest settlers. In addition to the regular schedule, we offer special chartered excursions and a number of special events. 11 Water Street. 338-2931 for up-to-date listings; May - October.

BOOTHBAY 04537

Boothby Railway Village Turn of the century village consisting of more than 24 buildings containing historical exhibits, including the Thorndike (1870) and Freeport (1911) Railroad Stations, General Store, Blacksmith Shop, Little Red Schoolhouse, doll museum, fire house, rides on a coal-fired, narrow gauge steam locomotive to an exceptional antique vehicle display, housing more than 50 vehicles from 1907-1949. Open Mid-June - Columbus Day, daily 9:30-5. Located on Route 27. 633-4727.

BRUNSWICK 04011

Brunswick Fishway Viewing Area Fish ladder counting room, viewing area. Sat. & Sun 10-2 and Wed nite 7pm-9pm. May thru June while fish runs are in progress. CMP Dam off Rt. 201. 725-6623.


Thomas Point Beach & Campground A beautiful 27 acre park offering a clean, sandy beach on tidal water. Features family events throughout the summer. Home of the Maine Festival, Maine Highland Games & the world famous Annual Labor Day Bluegrass Festival. Daily Memorial Day-Sept. 1, 9am-Sunset. Adm. charged. Located off Rt. 24, Cooks Corner, 725-6009.

CAMDEN 04843

Bay Chamber Concerts Enjoy year-round concerts for the young and families at the Rockport Opera House. For ticket information and listings of concerts call Monday-Friday 9-5, 236-2823.

CARIBOU 04736

CARRABASSETT VALLEY 04947

T.A.D. Dog Sled Services An experience of a lifetime. Winter: Dog Sled Rides 1/2 hr. - about 1 1/2 miles each. Special trips by pre-arrangement. Summer: Cart rides by dog sled team & petting & hiking 1/2 mile ride with a swim for the dogs (4-6) in a cold stream. Dec-April 10-3; July-October, weekends 9-1. P.O. Box 147, Stratton, 04982. 246-4461.

EAST ORLAND 04431
Craig Brook National Fish Hatchery Oldest salmon hatchery (U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service) in U.S. Visitor's Center, aquaria, nature trail, picnic area, display pools, beach area, boat launching facilities. Free to the public. Open May 1-Oct 1, Daily 8-8. Hatchery Road, off Route 1. 469-2803.

EAST SULLIVAN
Farmstead Barn “Hancock County Friends of the Arts” Summertime art, music, magic, and mime programs and stories for children. Presentations given: July 6, 13, 20 & 27 - 9:30am (for age 6 and under) and 11am (for age 7 and older). Route 1. 422-3615.

EASTWINTHROP 04343

FALMOUTH 04105
Maine Audubon Society Nature trails, field trips, changing program of children's and family events. Year-round. Mon-Fri 9-5; Sat 10-5; Sun 12-5. Gilsland Farm, off Route 1. 781-2330.

FREEPORT 04078
Atlantic Seal Cruises The Eagle Island Adventure cruise is a fun and educational three hour field trip for children. The narrated boat excursion departs from the Freeport Town Wharf at 9:30am and again at 1:30pm daily. Includes a lobstering demonstration and seal watching. Spend 1 hr. on Eagle Island to visit the museum/home of arctic explorer Admiral Robert E. Peary, the first man to reach the North Pole. Explore the woodsy island trails to view a variety of plant and animal life, and beach combing. School-group rates. 25 Main St., So. Freeport. 865-6112.


Freeport Balloon Co. Come share the experience of being suspended in air, eased along by gentle breeze. We provide flights year round any time the wind speed is below 8 mph and visibility is acceptable. Plan your morning or evening flight to be about 1 hr. Reservations should be made a few weeks in advance. 865-1712.

Mast Landing Sanctuary Nature day camp, trails, interpretive walks program. 781-2330.

Winslow Park Sandy beach, picnic area overlooking the bay, playground, open field for recreation, volleyball, horseshoes, nature trail, camping, 90+ acres. Open Memorial Day Weekend-September. 8am-9pm June & Sept.; 8am-9:30pm July & Aug. Staples Point Road (South Freeport). 865-4198.

GRAY (DRY MILLS) 04039
Game Farm - Visitor’s Center Self-guiding trip of game farm, displaying native animals birds, picnic areas, trout pools and wildlife educational displays. Open April 1-Nov 11, daily 10-4. Fee charged. 308 Shaker Road off Route 26. 657-4977.

GREENVILLE 04441
Eastern River Expeditions One day float trips on easy rapids for children 5 and older (at least 50 lbs): includes rafting, inflatable kayaking, and steak lunch cookout. Family overnights, trips for teens, and custom family canoe or kayak clinics. Licensed Maine whitewater guides and all paddling equipment. Our basecamp has a fitness center, trout pond, pool, hot tubs, restaurant, campground and motel. May-October. 1-800-634-7238.

Moosehead Marine Museum Home of historic 150 passenger Lake Steamer “Katahdin.” Artifacts, exhibits, photos on local steamboat. Spacious decks, ample seating, both indoor and outdoor, beverage and snack bar aboard. Wheelchair accessible. The 2½ hr. cruise on the “Katahdin” takes one up the southern tip of beautiful Moosehead Lake. The “Katahdin” is a floating Museum. P.O. Box 1151. Lx: East Cove, 10am & 2pm. Wknds. only: Memorial Day Wknd. - June 21st. June 21 - June 30: 2pm only. July 1 - Sept 13: 10am & 2pm daily. Sept 14 - Oct 2nd: 2pm only. Once monthly 80 mile Head of the Lake Cruise June - Sept; Mt. Kineo Cruises: Thurs. & Sun. at 10am. 695-2716.

Moosehead Resort at Big Squaw Mtn. Childrens activities include swimming, tennis, basketball, hiking, biking, skiing, snowboarding, game rooms, rafting trips, scenic chairlift rides, and more. Hotel year-round. P.O. Box 5. 800-348-6743/US; 800-244-6743/Maine or 695-2272.

KENNEBUN 04043
Lovell Balloon Works Once in a lifetime adventure floating over southern Maine in a hot air balloon. Year-round; sunrise plus 3 hrs, sunset minus 3 hrs. (Frost Rd., Lyman) P.O. Box 886. 499-7575.

KENNEBUNKPORT 04046
Seashore Trolley Museum 3 1/2 mile rides on authentically restored antique trolley cars from all over the United States and the World. Guided tours with age-appropriate talks for children, adults and the elderly. Restoration shop, museum store. Bus tours and field trips at reduced rates. Picnic areas. Open daily May 1-Oct 17 weekends thru Nov 7. 1 1/2 mile off U.S. Route 1, Log Cabin Rd., ME Turnpike Exit 3 or 4. 967-2800.

LIVERMORE 04253
Washburn-Norlands Living History Center Become scholars in a one-room school of 1853 or visit Maine’s only living history farm, fully operating year round. 445 acres, big barn, horses, oxen, cows, sheep, pigs & poultry. All farm activities. Family live-ins or student live-ins for groups (minimum 10persons) which last 24 hours or more. Tours of library & Victorian home of Washburn family, one of USA’s greatest political dynasties. Open year round. Winter Sat. & Sun. 12-4 p.m. July & August tours daily 10-4. Norlands Road, off U.S. Route 4. 897-4366 or 897-4918 for hours and special events schedule.
NAPLES 04055
Songo River Queen II 92-foot sternwheel river boat, snack bar, restrooms. Memorial Weekend thru Sept. June & Sept: Sat & Sun 9:45am trip only. July 1-Labor Day: 5 cruises daily. 2 1/2 hr. Songo Locks Cruise; 9:45am & 3:45pm. 1 hr. Long Lake Cruise at 1, 2:30 & 7pm. Charters and special cruises. Route 302. 693-6861.

Steamboat Landing Mini-golf with a Maine theme. 19 challenging holes in a shaded woodland setting. Weekends only starting Memorial weekend; June 26 - Labor Day, Mon-Sat 10-10; Sunday 1-10. Rest rooms. Route 114, 1/4 mile off Rt 302. 693-6782.

NEWCASTLE
Ocean Adventure! Aquarium and ocean museum with displays of the Gulf of Maine, commercial fishing, a live animal touch tank, underwater videos and a playground with a full-size fish net, giant lobster trap and fisherman's rowboat. Off-site: Marine programs for schools, camps, parties, nursing homes, etc. Open mid May - mid October; June 20-Sept 7 daily 10-5, other times call 563-2318/1-800-696-0550 for hours. Rt. 1, Newcastle.

NEWFIELD 04056

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OAKFIELD 04763
Oakfield Railroad Museum Displays of photos, vintage signs, and advertising pieces, lanterns, maps and other RR memorabilia. A restored caboose, motor car and a manually propelled pedal car. Most of this material is housed in a completely restored RR station built in 1910. Open Memorial Day-Labor Day Fri-Sat Noon-4, Sun 1-4. Wheelchair accessible. 757-8575.

OLD ORCHARD BEACH 04064
Palace Playland 12 major rides, 12 kiddie rides, arcade, games of skill, waterslide, antique carousel, and fireworks every Thursday night at 10pm. Daily: June 20-September 7. Mon-Fri noon-10; Sat & Sun 11am-10pm. 1 Old Orchard Street. 934-2001.

Pirates Island Adventure Golf 36 challenging, championship holes of miniature golf where you explore the wonderful and mysterious hideout of pirates! Open May thru October 9am-10pm. 70 First Street. 934-5086.

ORONO 04473
Wingate Planetarium Year-round planetarium shows on varied topics in astronomy, space and science for public audiences and special groups by advance reservations. Call for current shows & schedules. 2nd floor, Wingate Hall, University of Maine. Off Route 2. 581-1341. FAX 581-1314.

OWLS HEAD 04854

OXFORD 04270
Sandy River Railroad Restored narrow gauge train, several original cars. One-mile rides 1st and 3rd Sundays each month at 11am, 1 & 3pm. Picnic area, museum, gift shop. Open May - Nov. 338-2039.

PORTLAND

Children's Museum of Maine is an educational facility that encourages children of all ages to explore the wonders of the world around them through "hands-on" interactive exhibits. A place to express curiosity, sample new experiences and let your imagination run free. The Children's Museum makes learning fun! Mon-Thurs 10-5; Fri 10-8, Sat 10-5 & Sun Noon-5. $3.75 per person/under one free. 142 Free Street., 04101. 828-1234.

Portland Observatory (1807) 82-foot octagonal wooden signal tower used to inform locals of incoming ships. Stairway to signal deck for panoramic views. Open June, Sept & Oct, Friday thru Sunday, 1-5; July-August, Wed, Thurs, Sunday 1-5. Friday & Saturday 10-5. Group tours by appointment. "When the Flags Are Flying." 138 Congress Street. 774-5561.

Portland Symphony Orchestra

Kinderkonzerts For children preschool-grade 2. Ensembles from the Portland Symphony Orchestra present four programs featuring the four families of instruments, performed in a dozen or more communities, and highlighting particular element of music. 773-8191, 800-639-2309.

Youth Concerts The PSO Youth Concerts are given 3 times per year for children in grades 3-6. All three programs are given in City Hall Auditorium and are conducted by Toshiyuki Shimada. The programs feature symphonic music, popular music and special guest artists. 773-8191, 800-639-2309.

Southworth Planetarium Astronomy and laser light programs in our sky dome theatre with high tech full color motion and sound effects. Graphic displays and audio visual presentations in entrance hall. Public shows Sat., 2, 3, 7 & 8:30pm. & Sun., 2 & 3:30pm. Laser Light concerts at 8:30pm Saturdays, 3:30pm Sundays. Young Children's shows Saturdays at 3:30pm. Astronomy shows at 7pm Saturdays, 2pm Sundays. Located in Science Building at University of Southern Maine, 96 Falmouth St. 780-4249.

Westerly Winds - The Family Fun Center Miniature golf, baseball & softball batting cages, golf driving range, 9-hole par 3 Pitch & Putt golf course, ice cream & frozen yogurt parlor, birthday parties, picnic area. Apr 1 - Oct 1, daily 8-10. 771 Cumberland St., Westbrook 04092. 854-9463.

Woody Woodward's Traveling Magic Theatre Custom-designed programs of magic, comedy, and miscellaneous nonsense for all ages. We perform at several fairs, festivals, parks, campgrounds, and resorts throughout Maine, and are available for private performances for clubs, reunions, and corporate gatherings. Year-round, 775-2789.

PROSPECT 04981

Fort Knox (State Park) Massive 19th century granite & brick fortification. Self-guiding tour includes underground stairways and passageways (bring a flashlight). Giant cannons. Picnic tables and charcoal stoves available. Guided tours available 1 p.m. daily. May 1-Nov 1, Open 9-sunset from June to August; otherwise 9-5. Route 174, off Route 1. 469-7719.

RICHMOND 04357

Steve Powell Wildlife Management Area (Swan Island) Accessible by ferry from Richmond. Self-guiding nature trail; deer, eagles, waterfowl. Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, RD#1, Box 6378, Waterville, ME 04901. Daily May 1-Labor Day; 9am-Sunset. Call for advance reservations, camping reservations or ferry arrangements: 547-4167.
Mid-Coast Children’s Museum
Hands-on exhibits for family on science, art and history topics; special family events including kite festival, lobster festival tent activities, summer day activities for children; family & children’s workshops. 121 Maverick St. (“The Pink House”). Open April-November weekends 1-4. Tours are available for schools and groups during the week. Call 596-KIDS.

SACO 04072

Aquaboggan Water Park
Huge wave pool, swimming pool, splash & play area for kids, bumper boats, paddle boats, 9 shuffle board courts, 7 different waterslides, golf course, race cars, skid cars, picnic areas, gift shop, game room, water wars, lounge chairs, lockers, inner tube rental and snack bars. Also free parking. June 25 thru Labor Day; 10-6 daily. Route 1, Portland Road. 283-9451.

Cascade Water & Amusement Park
Water park, tube run, slides, activity pool, whirlpool, game room & arcade, lockers & changing room, picnic area, a variety of food to choose from, shops, computer photos etc. Free parking. May thru Labor Day. Opens at 10am Route 1. 284-6231.

Funtown USA

Maine Aquarium
Educational and entertaining exhibits of marine life including seals, penguins, sharks, fish, and touchable tidepool animals. Petting zoo, picnic area, daily lobster bakes, free parking. Open year round. Mid-June thru Mid-Sept, 9-9; Mid-Sept - Mid-June, 9-5 Route 1. 284-4511.

SCARBOROUGH 04074

Beech Ridge Motor Speedway
New England’s most modern raceway - minutes from Portland & Old Orchard Beach. Four high speed, action filled race divisions, concessions, trackside lounge, free parking, free on-premise camping (no hook-ups). Season: April 26-Oct 1. Saturdays 7:30pm plus many special events. Special children’s rates. 70 Holmes Rd. Exit 6 off the Maine Turnpike or just 3 miles from U.S. Route 1. 883-6030.

Scarborough Marsh Nature Center

SOUTH PORTLAND 04106

Hot Fun
First class champagne balloon flights! Excursions are around 3 hrs. with flight time aloft averaging just over an hour. We fly spring through autumn, seven days a week, weather permitting. Morning and late afternoons are the most predictable times. Please call or write “Hot Fun,” P.O. Box 2825, S. Portland for reservations. 761-1735 or 799-0193.

SOUTHWEST HARBOR 04679

Mount Desert Oceanarium
The full sized lobster boat beside the Oceanarium is used for make-believe lobster fishing. Most exhibits indoors are designed for touching, picking up, etc. Over 20 saltwater tanks contain Gulf of Maine creatures to be explored by magnifying glasses, microscope, watching, touching (in one tank). Mid-May - Mid-Oct, Mon-Sat, 9-5. Clark Point Rd, off Route 102. All site discount tickets for all three sites (see Bar Harbor). 244-7330.
Acadia Zoological Park 100-acre preserve petting farm of woodlands, streams, shade trees, pastures, and wild animals. Rainforest exhibit features animals from the tropics including birds, reptiles & rare Golden Lion Tamarins. Displays over 150 native and exotic animals. May - October, daily 9-5. Rt. 3. 667-3244.


Maine Outdoors Nature walks, canoe trips, fishing, cross-country skiing, and snowshoe trips. All led by a friendly, knowledgeable Master Maine Guide/naturalist, experienced working with children. Half day, full day, evening, early morning, and multi-day trips available. Short drive from Camden, Rockland, and Boothbay. Group and family rates on request, Visa and Mastercard accepted. Member of the Maine Professional Guides Association. Call or write: RR1, Box 3770, 785-4496.

Odyssey Park

Maine Outdoors Nature walks, canoe trips, fishing, cross-country skiing, and snowshoe trips. All led by a friendly, knowledgeable Master Maine Guide/naturalist, experienced working with children. Half day, full day, evening, early morning, and multi-day trips available. Short drive from Camden, Rockland, and Boothbay. Group and family rates on request, Visa and Mastercard accepted. Member of the Maine Professional Guides Association. Call or write: RR1, Box 3770, 785-4496.

Unity Raceway all modern facility with 5 complete classes of racing. Free parking for campers, no hookups. A fine place for family fun & entertainment. We have swing sets & a mini class of race cars which younger groups enjoy. May-October: Saturday nights at 7. Located on Rte 139. 948-5232.

WATERVILLE 04901

F-89 J “Scorpion” jet fighter made its last flight to Waterville’s Robert Lalfeur Airport on July 16, 1969. It is now on display, entrusted to the city as a memorial to the many pilots and crew all of Maine who flew countless missions in it or its sister aircraft. The Composite Squadron Civil Air Patrol #17056 is located adjacent to the F-89.

DARLING MARINE CENTER

The Center houses various marine exhibits, a slide show about the Darling Center, a book shop with marine-related items and gifts, and a children’s corner. Staffed by Gulf of Maine Foundation members, the Center will be open on Wed. and Sun. afternoons from 1-4 during July and August tours start at 2. 563-3146.

WELD 04285

Mt. Blue State Park Near several popular mountain climbs including Tumbledown Mountain and Mt. Blue. Spacious 136-site campground with 2 Adirondack shelter/lean-tos available for group camping. Swim beach with lifeguards located on Webb Lake. Ranger led activities include gold­panning, nature walks, canoe trips, mountain hikes and evening programs. Playground, boat launch and canoe rentals. Open May 15-Oct 1. (Cross country skiing, snowmobiling in winter). 15 miles off Route 2 from Wilton or Dixfield. 585-2261 or 585-2347.

WELLS 04090

Wells Auto Museum Over 80 vehicles on display dating from 1900 to 1964 including gas, steam and electric. Over 36 antique arcade games, including mutoscopes, flip-card machines, nickelodeons, and games. Displays of license plates, photos, toys, and trains. Gift shop & rides in a 1911 Model “T.” Wknds; Memorial Weekend thru Columbus Weekend. Daily Mid-June-Sept 10-5; On Rt. 1. 646-9064.

WEST PARIS 04289

WESTBROOK 04092
Smiling Hill Farm Barnyard Working dairy farm. Barnyard with farm animal petting area and native wildlife exhibits. Ice cream barn featuring farm-made ice cream. Pony rides, hayrides, gift shop. Open May thru September daily 10am. 781 County Road, Rt. 22. 775-4818/774-8356.

YORK VILLAGE 03909
Cliff and River Walk (Wiggly Bridge) Footpath along York River and atop harbor cliffs. Trail includes the Wiggly Bridge, a suspension-type pedestrian-only structure overlooking an old tidal mill and pond. Off Route 103.

Old Schoolhouse One-room school furnished with period benches & exhibit. June 12 - Sept. 30, Tues - Sat 10-4. Guided tours of seven buildings that date from the 1700's. Old York Historical Society, 140 Lindsay Road, Off Route 1A. 363-4974.

YORK BEACH 03910
York's Wild Kingdom Zoo and amusement park. Pet and feed tame animals; get a close up view of lions, tigers, and elephants and many more exotic animals. Special shows throughout the day. Over 25 rides and attractions. Zoo open weekends in May. Full time Memorial Day-Columbus Day 10-5. Rides open Memorial Day thru Labor Day (weekends only in June & Sept.) 1-10pm. Located on Route 1. 363-4911.

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