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Events for You & Me. The Great State of Maine Activity Roundup

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Winter Sports

Skiing competition is held throughout the winter months at all major slopes in Maine. A complete list of Maine ski meets is available by writing the United States Eastern Amateur Ski Association, 20 Main Street, Littleton, New Hampshire. Winter Carnivals are held at all major ski areas during the third week in January.

Snowmobile races and rallies for all ages and classes are held every week throughout the winter. For information contact: Maine Snowmobile Association, P.O. Box 14, East Winthrop, Maine.

Sled dog races are another popular winter event in Maine. A complete schedule of sled dog races is available by writing: Race Manager, Maine Sled Dog Association, R.F.D. No. 1, Bangor, Maine.

Miscellaneous Events

The Maine Publicity Bureau’s, “Calendar of Events,” covering the summer and early fall seasons, contains the most complete listing of diversified Maine activities available. Items listed vary from unusual events such as railroad excursions to hunter’s breakfasts, gem and mineral exhibits, and historic home tours, to mention but a few.

VACATIONLAND ... ACTIONLAND!

A four-season vacationland, the Pine Tree State is also a land of festivals, sporting events, and celebrations of many varieties, so visitors will almost surely find scheduled activities which appeal to their particular interests.

For good eating in the downeast tradition, there are seafood, beans and rice, and broiler festivals, plus a number of public suppers scheduled by churches and social organizations.

Maine’s annual sporting events are fun both for spectators and participants: boat races and fishing derbies – for which Maine is famous – and harness horse racing, flat racing, and stock car racing; at least 20 annual golf tournaments; winter snowmobile and sled dog races; and many other sport contests year ’round.

For the culturally minded, Maine offers great summer theater, art galleries and exhibits, concerts and museums.

But Maine’s recreational activities are not all centered around scheduled events. While salt-water sport fishing can be done most any time of year, fresh-water fishing comes in spring and into the summer. Summertime also brings boating, swimming, water skiing and other water fun; and the golfer is attracted by more than 90 courses, many of them very scenic. Fall brings the hunting season; and winter covers the Maine ski slopes with plenty of snow and just enough people for enjoyment. It’s good that snowmobile trails are increasing rapidly in Maine because so are the number of people coming with their snow vehicles. Naturally! What better place than Maine could they find? – for snowmobiling – or any of these other fun doings!
MUSIC & ART

Maine is replete with art galleries and museums too numerous to mention here. The booklet, "Cultural Heritage and Horizons," published by the Maine Commission on Arts and Humanities, provides complete information on events of this nature. See also Vacation Planner Number 17, "Museums," available from the Maine Department of Economic Development. Maine Colleges present a number of cultural programs and art exhibits throughout the year. Several of the outstanding events in the field of music and art are as follows:

PORTLAND - WCSH-TV Sidewalk Art Festival
Boothbay Playhouse
Brunswick Music Theater
Deertrees Theater
Kennebunkport Playhouse
Lakewood Theater
Ogunquit Players
University of Maine
Downeast Players - Ram Island Art Center
Cape Playhouse
York Harbor Music Theater

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MAINE FAIRS

Bangor State Fair, Inc. * Bangor Late July - Early Aug
Northern Maine Fair Association * Presque Isle August
Pittston Fair Association East Pittston August
Skowhegan State Fair * Skowhegan August
Knox County Agricultural Society * Union August
York County Agricultural Ass'n Acton August
Piscataquis Valley Fair Association Dover-Foxcroft August
So. Kennebec Agricultural Society * Windsor August
Hancock Agricultural Society Blue Hill August
No. Penobscot Agricultural Society Springfield Late Aug - Early Sept
Litchfield Farmer's Club Litchfield September
York County Agricultural Society Oxford September
Central Maine Fair Association * Lewiston September
Coos County Agricultural Ass'n Monmouth September
Franklin County Agricultural Ass'n * Farmington September
Newport County Agricultural Fair North Newport September
Cumberland Farmer's Club * Cumberland August
World's Fair Association, Inc. N. Waterford September
West Oxford Agricultural Society * Fryeburg Late Sept - Early Oct
Sagadahoc Agricultural & Horticultural Society * Topsham October
Smithfield Fair Smithfield October

*Harness Horse Racing with Pari-Mutuel Betting

Extended harness racing meets with pari-mutuel betting are held at Bangor, Lewiston, Presque Isle, Scarborough and Skowhegan prior to, and following the Maine fair season, beginning in March and ending in mid-November.

Horse Racing (Flat Racing) Pari-Mutuel Betting
Scarborough Downs Scarborough Late June - September

SPORTING EVENTS

Sporiting events of all kinds have traditionally been a part of the Maine scene. Some of the more prominent are listed here according to the type of activity. Further information on this subject is contained in the "State of Maine Calendar of Events" available from the Maine Publicity Bureau. See Publications Section.

Boat Races
Kittery Point - Whaleback Ocean Race, every Saturday at Yacht Club
Kittery Point - Small craft races, every Sunday at Yacht Club
Jonesport - World's Championship Lobsterboat Races
Friendship - Annual Sloop Races Last week July
Falmouth - Monhegan Yacht Race at Yacht Club 2nd week Aug
Castine - Retired Skipper's Race Mid August

Fishing Tournaments
Biddeford - Annual Striped Bass Derby Last week June
Kennebunk - Fishing Derby 3rd week July - mid Aug
Bailey Island - Tuna Tournament Latter part of July
Boothbay Harbor - Tuna Tournament Thru Aug

Golf Tournaments
Maine Amateurs Golf Championship July
Spudland Open Golf Tournament Held at Aroostook County location July
Maine Open August
Jordan Open August
Lakewood Invitational August
Women's State Golf Association Championship August
Maine State Professional Golfer's Championship September

Stock Car Racing
One of the nation's fastest growing spectator sports is enjoyed throughout the Pine Tree State at racing ovals ranging from 2,000 to 13,000 seating capacity. Nearly all of the tracks are a third of a mile in distance and have hot top surfaces. Strict safety codes protect not only the spectators but the drivers as well. The stock car racing season starts in the spring and continues through early fall into October at all tracks. Listed are the major tracks and their locations.

Oxford Plains, Oxford Unity Raceway, Unity
Spud Speedway, Caribou Speedway 95, Bangor
Wiscasset Speedway, Wiscasset Beech Ridge, Scarborough
Arundel Speedway, Arundel Ellisworth Speedway, Ellisworth
Winterport Dragway, Winterport (continued on other side)