

Things to see and do while visiting Calais, Maine!

-Stroll, jog, or bike along the beautiful Calais Waterfront Walkway. The approx. mile and a half trail was the former Maine Central Railroad railbed. It can be accessed from waterfront park at the foot of North Street or at either end of the trail (lower Barker St. or Todd St.)

-Enjoy a "timetrip" to the past by stopping in at the Holmes Cottage. The Cape Cod style frame house on Main Street is restored and furnished in the period of the 1850's. It is open to the public Monday-Saturday, July and August 1:00-4:00 p.m.

-Check out the most northeastern lighthouse in the U.S.!!! Whitlock Mills Lighthouse can be viewed from the Pikewoods picnic area 4 miles South of the city proper on U.S. Rt. 1.

-Learn more about the Passamaquoddy Native Americans and the area by stopping in to the Wabanaki Culture Center, Union St., It's free!

-Take the kids to the Calais skatepark, basketball and tennis courts, public pool and playground on Calais Avenue.

-Go birding, go fishing, go biking, or trail walking or enjoy nature in all its **astounding array** at the Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge's Baring Unit. There is a birdwatching **platform overlooking Maguerrewock Stream** just 5-6 minutes from downtown Calais! (turn onto Charlotte Rd., it's just a few yards from Rt. 1) To get the most out of your Moosehorn NWR, travel 3 miles to the Headquarters Rd.

-View area artistry on display at the Calais Free Library Art Gallery (lower level). The exhibit changes monthly. It's free!

-Hike at Devil's Head Conservation Area 6 miles south of the city proper on Rt. 1. You can also beachcomb on the rocky shore.

-Enjoy the lovely historic district along Main St., the homes on the rising hill going South (Hinckley Hill) are often referred to as "The Gingerbread Houses."

-See Meridian Park on Lincoln Street. This site was the U. S. Coast Survey's Calais Observatory, established in 1857 for telegraphic longitude measurements between Thomas Hill in Bangor; used again in 1866 to complete, via the **Transatlantic Telegraphic cable longitude** observations between Greenwich Observatory and Harvard Observatory. The site was last used by the Coast Survey in 1895, timing star passages. The stone used to mount the telescope is visible today, a NOAA marker was installed in recent years and gardens have been planted in the park.

-Are you in Calais on a Tuesday this summer? Enjoy the Sunrise County Farmer's Market mornings 10:00a.m.-2:00 p.m. in the downtown greenspace. Later on enjoy a variety of music at the 'Concerts On the Green' performances- Tuesdays at 6:30. Check local listings for different performances and times. It's free!

-Discover a significant part of the region's history and one of the earliest European settlements on the North Atlantic Coast: St. Croix Island National Historic Site. The site is 8 miles south of Calais. The mainland offers a view of the island and an outdoor interpretive trail with bronze figures telling the story of the 1604 settlement on St. Croix Island. The National Park Service site is free to the public, open sunrise to sunset, is handicapped accessible, has restroom facilities, and picnic tables. The NHS also has a visitor center to meet and talk with Park Rangers!

We invite you to poke through our shops and/or have a great meal at any of our nice eateries. We love having you visit Calais and we hope to see you again!