

# Things to See and Do While Visiting Calais, Maine!

## Outdoor Activities & Nature

- **Calais Waterfront Walkway** — Stroll, jog, or bike along this beautiful mile-and-a-half trail on the former Maine Central Railroad railbed. Access from Waterfront Park at the foot of North Street or at lower Barker St. or Todd St.
- **Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge** — Go birding, fishing, biking, trail walking, or enjoy nature in this astonishing array of wildlife. Visit the Baring Unit with its birdwatching platform overlooking Maguerewock Stream, just 5-6 minutes from downtown (turn onto Charlotte Rd.). For more exploration, travel 3 miles to the Headquarters Rd.
- **Devil's Head Conservation Area** — Hike 6 miles south of the city on Rt. 1. Enjoy beachcombing on the rocky shore.
- **Calais Recreation Facilities** — Skatepark, basketball and tennis courts, public pool, and playground on Calais Avenue.

## Museums & Cultural Sites

- **Dr. Job Holmes Cottage & Museum** — This Cape Cod style frame house on Main Street is restored and furnished in the period of the 1850s. Open to the public Monday-Saturday, July and August, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- **Wabanaki Culture Center** — Learn about the Passamaquoddy Native Americans and the area at this free center on Union St.
- **Calais Free Library Art Gallery** — View area artistry on display at the lower level. Exhibits change monthly. Free admission.

## Historic Sites

- **Historic District on Main Street** — Enjoy the lovely homes on the rising hill going south. The area is often referred to as "The Gingerbread Houses" (Hinckley Hill).
- **Meridian Park** — Located 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. It was used again in 1866 to complete the Transatlantic Telegraphic cable longitude observations between Greenwich Observatory and Harvard Observatory. Last used by the Coast Survey in 1895, the stone was used to mount the telescope currently on display. Today, a NOAA marker is installed, and gardens have been planted in the park.
- **St. Croix Island National Historic Site** — Discover one of the earliest European settlements on the North Atlantic Coast, 8 miles south of Calais. The mainland offers island views and an outdoor interpretive trail with bronze figures telling the story of the 1604 settlement. Free to the public, open sunrise to sunset, handicapped accessible, with restroom facilities, picnic tables, and a visitor center with Park Rangers.

## Lighthouses

- **Whitlock Mills Lighthouse** — Check out the most northeastern lighthouse in the U.S.! View it from the Pikewoods picnic area, 4 miles south of the city on U.S. Rt. 1.

## Seasonal Events

- **Sunrise County Farmer's Market** — Every Tuesday in summer, 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. in the downtown greenspace.
- **Concerts on the Green** — Enjoy a variety of music performances on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Check local listings for different performances and times. Free admission.

*We invite you to explore our shops and enjoy a great meal at any of our nice eateries. We love having you visit Calais and we hope to see you again!*