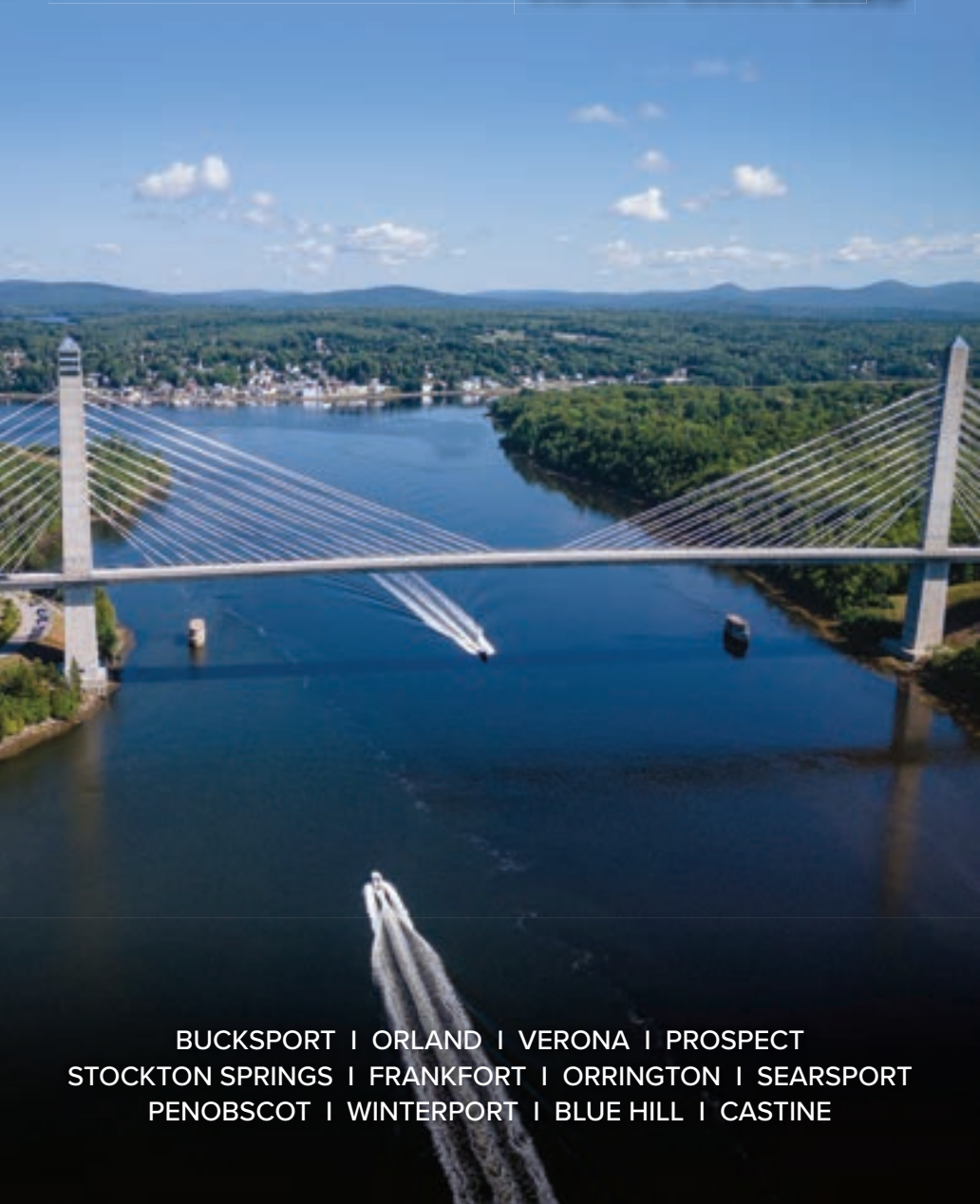


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# WELCOME

*to the beautiful Bucksport Bay Area*



Stroll along the downtown waterfront walkway while enjoying views of Fort Knox and the boats in the Penobscot River. Make sure to stop in front of the *Bucksport* mural for a great photo op! Meander up to the sidewalks of Main Street for delicious eats such as ice cream, pizza, various gourmet meals, and of course, scrumptious seafood, at one of the town's several eateries.

Bucksport has a history rich with spooky stories. One about the town's founder, Colonel Jonathan Buck, is eerie and confounding. There are many different versions as to how and why it is there, but you can still find the outline of a boot (or leg) on his gravestone, which you can visit by following Main Street right towards Orland. Some say he was cursed by a witch that he ordered to death by burning, and the outline of the leg is the reminder of that damning decision. No matter how many times the outline has been washed off, it returns.

If you cross the bridge to Verona Island, make sure to stop at the boat launch for beautiful views of Bucksport and the waterfront walkway. Before the bridge was built, people used to have to wait for ferries to take them from Bucksport to Verona Island, then from there to Prospect. Nowadays, we have the breathtaking Penobscot Narrows bridge (along with its birds eye view of the river from high atop in the observatory!) But, back in the day, after the ferry service, but before the Penobscot Narrows Bridge, there was a smaller suspension bridge - it was the first extended span bridge of its kind in Maine - you can still see part of the remnants towards the Fort Knox side of the bridge.

No matter where you go, there is beautiful scenery and activities abound. Fort Knox, Maine's largest preserved fort, provides a fun and historic day trip. The fort was established in 1844 to protect the Penobscot River Valley from British naval attacks. They have different events depending on the time of year – history days, ghost tours, scavenger “haunts,” and don't forget Fright at the Fort around Halloween!

Get close to nature at Craig Brook National Fish Hatchery in East Orland while walking along one of the many trails. On a warm summer day you can cool off in the pond's pristine water and enjoy a picnic at one of the picnic tables along the trail. The fish hatchery also offers exciting and educational tours!

Enjoy your time in this breathtaking and memorable area!

# 21 THINGS TO DO

*in the Bucksport Bay Area*

1

## FORT KNOX STATE PARK

Fort Knox, located at 740 Ft. Knox Road in Prospect, provides historic fun for the whole family. Pack a picnic and come explore the rich history of Maine's largest preserved fort! Open from May 1st through October 31st, and grounds are open during the off season from 9am to sunset, weather depending. Leashed pets are welcome!



2

## PENOBSCOT NARROWS OBSERVATORY

While walking through Fort Knox, a trip to the top of the Penobscot Narrows Observatory is a must! With an amazing 360 degree view of the Penobscot River, as well as the surrounding areas of Bucksport and Prospect, it is a sight to be seen!



3

## DOWNTOWN BUCKSPORT

Downtown Bucksport has a wide main street with sidewalks and beautiful views of the Penobscot River. A stroll through town is filled with retail shops, food establishments, and an ice cream shop!

4

## MOUNT WALDO, FRANKFORT

A day hike up Mount Waldo in Frankfort makes for an extraordinary way to get in the steps on your Fitbit! Beautiful views of the town and surrounding areas can be seen for miles from the top. Make sure to wear good shoes – the trail is extremely steep and covered in crushed granite stone. Take Mt. Waldo Road off 1A in the town of Frankfort.

5

## FRANKFORT QUARRY

Located up Mt. Waldo Road in Frankfort, the Frankfort Quarry has a long history of granite mining, and a local legend of being haunted by the poor souls that have lost their lives to the quarry's underwater rock ledges. Proceed with caution – and please remember that swimming is not allowed!

6

## GREEN BROOKLYN ROAD FOOTBRIDGE

With a beautiful view of the tidal North Branch of the Marsh River, the footbridge in Frankfort off Route 1A, is the perfect backdrop for that awesome photo for your social media followers. The Frankfort dam, built in 1904 out of granite most likely quarried from nearby Mount Waldo, in the background with its rushing waters, make this stop all the more calming.

7

## SWAN LAKE STATE PARK

Swan Lake State Park in Swanville makes for a wonderful day outing. With its warm waters, sand beach, playground, and picnic areas complete with grills (don't forget the charcoal!) Swan Lake is a great destination. It also has a dog beach, so Fido is welcome, as long as he is on his leash!



## 21 THINGS TO DO *in the Bucksport Bay Area*

### 8 BUCKSPORT WATERFRONT WALKWAY

This brick walkway on the waterfront in downtown Bucksport is about a mile long and provides excellent views of Fort Knox, Penobscot Narrows Bridge and the river.



### 9 JONATHAN BUCK'S GRAVE

It is said that Colonel Jonathan Buck, who started Township Number 1, which later came to be known as Buckstown, and what is modern day Bucksport, was cursed by a witch. Buck received a Commission as Justice of the Peace, and was the first magistrate in the region. According to the legend, there was a woman that Buck had decided would be hanged and as they were readying her, she declared that Col. Buck's headstone would bear the imprint of her feet for all time, so all would know that he murdered a woman. Located in the cemetery in Bucksport across from the grocery store – you can't miss it!

### 10 CRAIG BROOK NATIONAL FISH HATCHERY

One of the oldest hatcheries in America, Craig Brook National Fish Hatchery in East Orland has tours to learn about the life cycle of the Atlantic Salmon. There is access here to both Alamoosook Lake and Craig Pond for swimming and boating as well. Don't forget to bring lunch to enjoy at the picnic tables off the trails overlooking the water!

### 11 FRANKFORT'S MENDALL MARSH PARK & BOAT LAUNCH

Beauty abounds at Frankfort's Mendall Marsh Park & Boat Launch, located off Route 1A, right outside of the downtown area of Frankfort. Keep your eyes peeled for interesting bird species such as Blue Herons, Little Black Cormorants, and Bald Eagles.



### 12 DOWNTOWN WINTERPORT

The side-walked streets of this quaint town provide a nice jaunt from one side of town's brewery and winery to the antique store that used to be a stagecoach stop in olden times at the other. Winterport has two antique shops, a pizza shop, and homecooked meals from the cute restaurant next door. The view of the river and the Penobscot Narrows Bridge from the convenience store in the center of town is breathtaking!

### 13 BLUEBERRY FIELDS IN PROSPECT

While on Route 1A (also known as Bangor Road) in the center of Prospect, take a right for a ride up Hawes Bridge Road. Provides beautiful views of blueberry fields and gorgeous rock walls.

### 14 ALAMOOSOOK LAKE

Enjoy a swim in the warm, clear water of Alamoosook Lake in Orland. A great place to unwind and get back to nature. If you enjoy fishing, this is a wonderful opportunity to throw your line in the water. You may catch salmon, bass, trout, or pickerel.

### 15 MONROE FALLS

Monroe Falls in Monroe gives a wonderful opportunity to see a waterfall. With just a short walk – only about three minutes – to the falls and pool off Route 139 towards Monroe from Brooks, this popular swimming spot is a must see. Be careful of poison ivy, as it grows all along the short walking trail to the falls.

### 16 FORT POINT STATE PARK

See over 100 acres of jagged, windy, panoramic views of the Atlantic coastline at Fort Point State Park in Stockton Springs. Fort Point State Park features picnic areas, a garden, and a lighthouse!



### 17 GREAT POND MOUNTAIN WILDLANDS

The Great Pond Mountain Wildlands is protected by a nature conservancy trust. Park in Orland and take a hike out in nature. There's a map at the beginning showing trails and distances – make sure to look it over before starting out!

### 18 STOCKTON HARBOR MARINA

Take in the views at the very top of Penobscot Bay in the beautiful Stockton Harbor Marina. Once a bustling seaport, a massive fire in 1924 marked the end of this prosperous era – remnants of the old pier can still be seen. If traveling with children, the playground here is a great stop!



### 19 PENOBSCOT MARINE MUSEUM

The Penobscot Marine Museum in Searsport is a fun filled, informative day trip. Exhibits tell the stories of ship captains and their families, global maritime trade, the industries in Penobscot Bay, and today's fisheries.

### 20 SEARSPORT MARINA

The Searsport Marina is a great place to take in the ocean. Whether you are looking to walk the beach or drop your fishing line in the water, you can do so here. During the summer months you will find food trucks offering local cuisine!

### 21 SEARS ISLAND

Sears Island is the largest accessible uninhabited island on the coast of Maine. Located off the coast of Searsport, you can explore 940 acres by foot, as cars must be parked after crossing the causeway to the island. Leashed pets are welcome!




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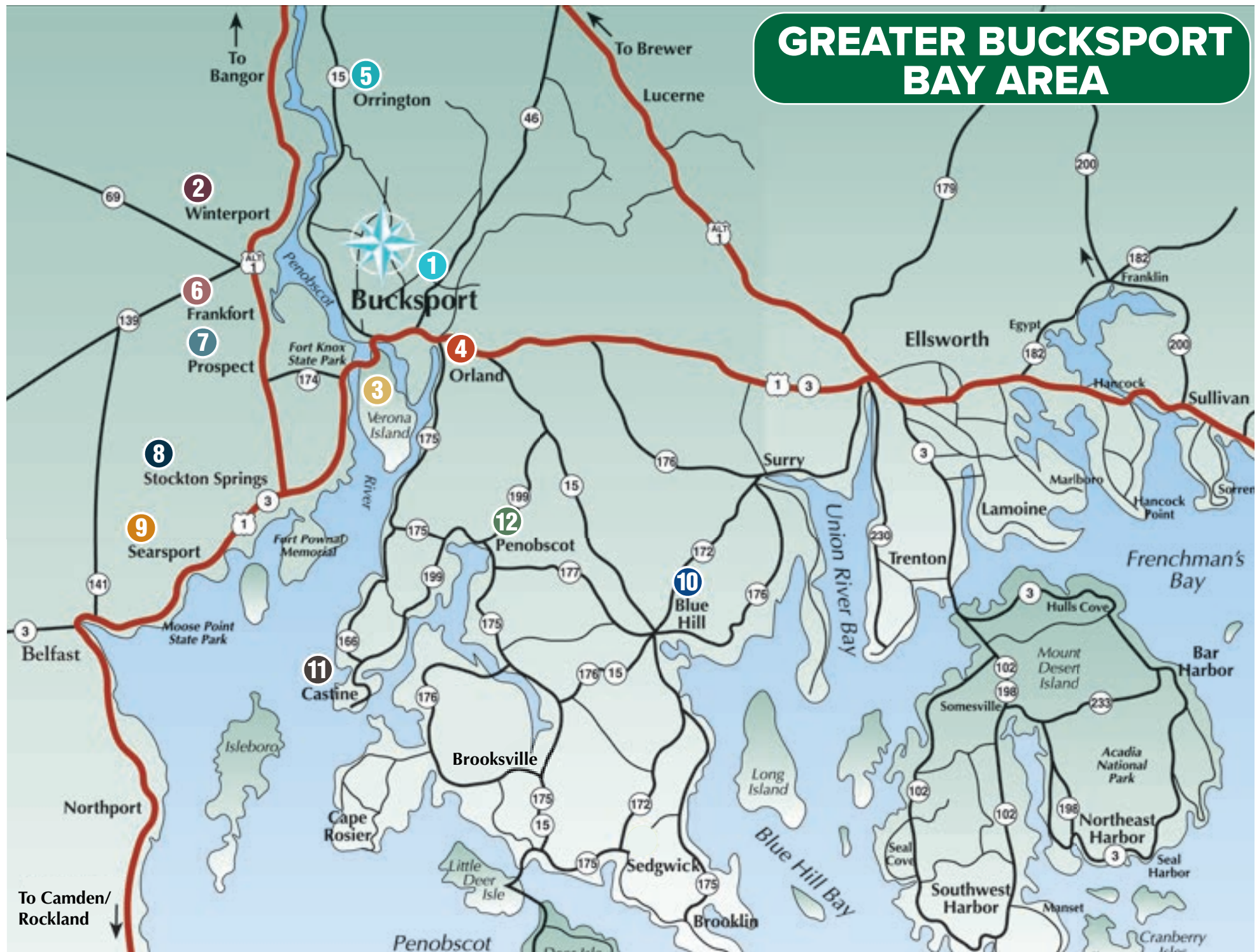
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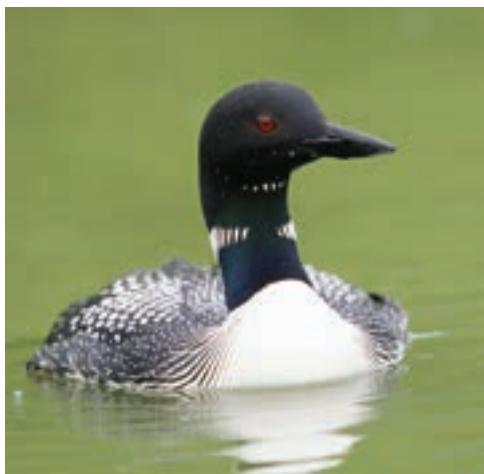


# GREATER BUCKSPORT BAY AREA





# PLAY



If fishing is not your thing, there are many other pastimes in the Bucksport Bay Area. The birdwatching is fabulous here! In the summer months, take a trip to Moose Point or Swan Lake state park for a beach day with the family. Golfing or a day at the museum are great fun as well.

No matter what your favorite pastimes are, you will find many fun things to do here in the beautiful Bucksport Bay Area!



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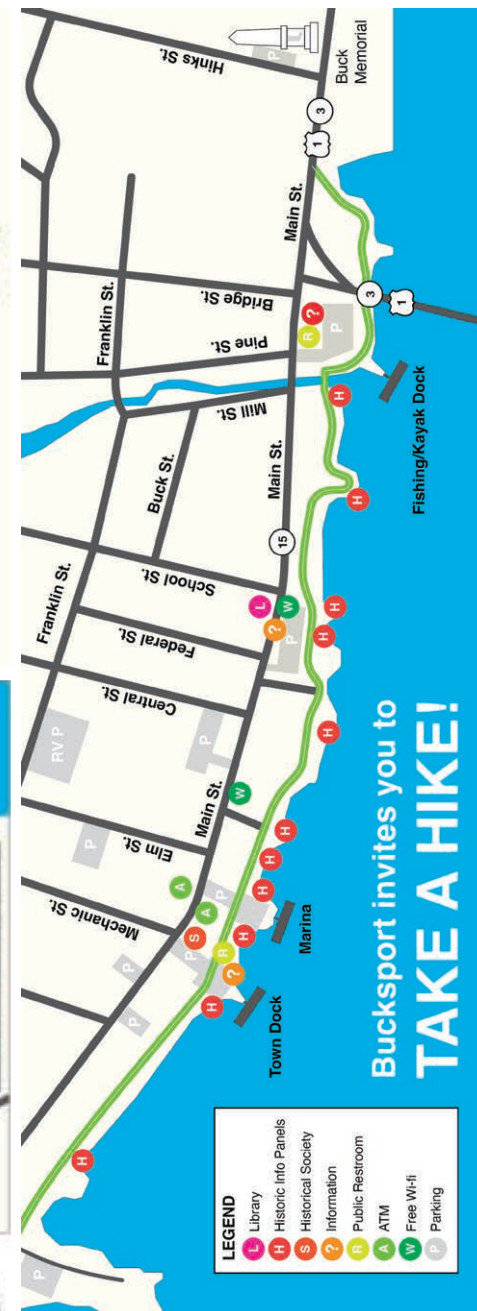
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# 1 BUCKSPORT

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The Town of Bucksport is located by the Penobscot River and is home to approximately 5,000 people. A major feature of the town is the downtown waterfront area, which draws people from miles around to enjoy both its recreational and business offerings. Its busy main street supplies spectacular views of Fort Knox, Penobscot River, and Penobscot Narrows Bridge. There are several dining establishments, retail businesses, a grocery store, a theatre, and a golf course.



Bucksport has a rich history. On June 18, 1762, a group of 352 citizens of Massachusetts and New Hampshire petitioned the English General Court of Massachusetts for a land grant of twelve townships between the Penobscot and St. Croix Rivers. It was granted to Deacon David Marsh of Haverhill, Massachusetts in the name of all the petitioners. Marsh chartered the sloop, Sally, to survey and explore the new lands.

Jonathan Buck of Haverhill was third on the list of signers and captain and owner



of the sloop. The Sally left Newbury, Massachusetts, on June 18th, 1762, and sailed to Fort Pownell (Stockton Springs) eight days later. The Haverhill group cast lots for the townships and drew the six townships west of the Mt. Desert River, which was renamed the Union River because it united the two groups of townships. In June 1763, they began building the town of what you now know as Bucksport.

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## 2 WINTERPORT 12 Miles from Bucksport www.winterportmaine.gov | see map on page 24

Winterport is a historic Maine town incorporated March 12, 1860. Once home to far-ranging sea captains, Winterport retains a 19th century charm that blends well with 21st century conveniences. With its scenic downtown and waterfront located just 12 miles south of Bangor on Route 1A, Winterport faces the deep and fast-flowing Penobscot River. Older homes, many built for Winterport sea captains, stand along the downtown roadways. Sidewalks encourage people to stroll through the town. From the historic downtown, where people can find restaurants and small businesses, visitors can walk the short distance to the Winterport waterfront and watch boats make their way to and from Penobscot Bay and open waters just beyond.

Winterport is fortunate to have abundant natural resources including the Penobscot River, Marsh Stream, numerous brooks, acres of gravel deposits, rolling hills and hardwood forests. Such abundance allows their hard-working businesses to prosper.



Winterport has a proud heritage. The Union Meeting House, built in 1834, is a special meeting place for townspeople. This building shelters a bell cast by Paul Revere, one of only 112 known to exist, a belfry clock installed in 1861, and a Masons and Hamlin hand-pumped reed organ installed in 1859. Added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1973, the Union Meeting House is the subject of ongoing preservation efforts and local pride.

The Bacon Tree was a thick Norway pine that was said to stand in town, and at the time said to be the only one in the region. It was a round, compact tree with the limbs growing so near the ground it made it difficult to get under it. During the war of 1812, the British landed in Frankfort. Judge Goodwin, a citizen of Winterport, concealed his silver and supply of hams in the tree's thick foliage. The measure was successful, and the British passed along the road a short distance from the tree without observing its savory fruit. Therefore, the Judge "saved his bacon."

The Old Winterport Commercial House continues in the tradition of the original Commercial House, which was opened in 1833. Originally, this inn was a stopping point for the stagecoach line from Belfast to Bangor and served the traveling public who came here via the Penobscot River. The papers for the incorporation of Winterport were signed in this building as well as the celebration of the incorporation in March of 1860. The years have brought fire, changes in ownership, and varied uses, but once again it offers attractive accommodations.

From a thriving downtown to a heavily utilized waterfront with community spirit and involvement, Winterport offers an excellent community to visit, live or work in.



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### 3 VERONA 1 Mile from Bucksport www.veroname.org | see map on page 24

Verona Island is accessible by the breathtaking Penobscot Narrows Bridge on one side, making it accessible to Waldo County and DownEast Maine, and the smaller Verona Island Bridge, connecting it to Bucksport, on the other.

Roughly nine square miles, and boasts its own boat launch, picnic area and, for cyclists and joggers, a road that loops around the island. It may seem small, but there are definitely a couple of businesses on this island you will want to explore! Each spring, the Bridge the Gap race begins at Fort Knox, travels across the Penobscot Narrows bridge, then circles the island.

### 4 ORLAND 3 Miles from Bucksport www.townoforland.org | see map on page 24

Travelling down the Acadia Highway along the Penobscot River is Bucksport's neighbor to the East, the town of Orland. It is a town in Hancock County that was settled in 1764 and incorporated on February 21st, 1800. Orland has some great bodies of water, such as Alamoosook Lake, Craig, Toddy, and Heart ponds. It is also home to Craig Brook National Fish Hatchery, one of the oldest hatcheries in America and where you can learn about the work this amazing conservation hatchery does to help the last remaining natural populations of Atlantic salmon. You can take a tour to find out more about the life cycle of the Atlantic salmon. The area also has some awesome trails, complete with picnic tables and access to crystal clear Craig Pond.

Orland is also home to River Day, which is held on the last weekend in June. It is a celebration that has been a tradition for 40-plus years in the town to celebrate the Narramissic River that flows through the center of Orland Village. There is a small parade, food, crafts, and a raft race – family fun for all!

Around the holidays on the Saturday night closest to the winter solstice, a small group of volunteers quietly set up luminaria, known as The Lights of Orland. The main road leading into and out of the village, as well as both sides of the river, are illuminated with beautiful soft lights. It is an absolute must-see.

### 5 ORRINGTON 12 Miles from Bucksport www.orrington.govoffice.com | see map on page 24

Bucksport's neighbor to the north, Orrington is located just up the historic Penobscot River. The town is a major transportation link between the Bucksport Bay Area and the city of Bangor. In the heyday of the Bucksport paper mill, the River Road, also known as Route 15, was heavily driven by logging trucks delivering lumber to the mill. While living in Orrington on this road, where the trucks would often claim the lives of the neighborhood dogs and cats, Stephen King got the idea for his book *Pet Sematary*. The local children had created a pet cemetery in the woods behind his house. After his own daughter's cat was hit and killed by a one of the trucks, and the cat was buried there, King had the idea for his novel, which later became a movie. The misspelling of the word "cemetery" was the work of Orrington children.

### FRANKFORT 10 Miles from Bucksport 6 www.frankfortme.com | see map on page 24

The Town of Frankfort is a Waldo County town located on Route 1A on the west side of the Penobscot River in the shadows of Mount Waldo, halfway between Bangor and Belfast. The land now known as the Town of Frankfort was said to have been discovered in the early sixteen hundreds when Captain Wentworth sailed into what is now Penobscot Bay. After anchoring, he and his crew took small boats up the river. The land he founded included what is now Belfast, and up the river to Hampden. One hundred thousand acres, belonging to General Waldo in 1773, is now the land that includes Hampden, Frankfort, Winterport, and parts of Swanville and Monroe.

Frankfort was best known for its gray and white granite. Removal and sale of granite began in 1836 from the town's Mosquito Mountain. In 1846, operations were moved to Mount Waldo, where the granite was better quality. It was moved from the mountain by oxen teams and derricks, to the wharf on the Penobscot River as the water ways provided easy and cheap transportation. At that time, Fort Knox was being built and that is where some of the first stones were used. The wharf area now is where the boat landing is on Route 1A.

Operations at the quarry brought settlers to town for work. Homes were built in the area. In 1850 there were 80 men employed at the quarry and the output 20,000 tons yearly. Granite from Frankfort can be found locally and around the United States. The Washington Monument, The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Senate Office Building in Washington D.C., the piers of the Brooklyn Bridge in New York, Fort Knox (when it was built in the 1800's), Eastern Maine Medical Center, the old Bangor Post Office, and the base of the Paul Bunyan Statue all boast some of the granite mined from Frankfort.

### PROSPECT 5 Miles from Bucksport 7 www.prospectme.org | see map on page 24

Prospect is a small town found between Stockton Springs and Frankfort and is just across the river from Bucksport and Verona Island. Prospect has a population of around 700 at the time of the last census. It is the home of Maine's largest preserved fort, Fort Knox, which is named after Revolutionary War general Henry Knox. Construction on the huge fort began in 1844 and was completed in 1869. It was built originally to protect Bangor and its vital lumber industry from the British. An interesting fact about the fort is that it was never completed or used in battle, as construction was stopped after the civil war.

In Prospect's quaint town area, take a ride up Hawes Bridge Road in the center of town - it brings you to breathtaking views of blueberry fields!

### STOCKTON SPRINGS 8 Miles from Bucksport 8 www.stocktonsprings.org | see map on page 24

Stockton Springs is a small coastal community nestled between Belfast and Bucksport on coastal Route 1, just south of the Penobscot Narrows Bridge. Home to Sandy Point Beach Park, a 100-acre property complete with a half mile of undeveloped sandy beach as well as Fort Point State Park, which is also home to Fort Point Light, both located on Fort Point, a peninsula of Cape Jellison. While there, check out the remains of Fort Pownall, built in the mid-18th century. Home to approximately 1,600 residents today, and a smattering of summer folks, Stockton Springs was originally inhabited by tribes of Abenakis and Tarratines who had seasonal villages in the area while they hunted here.

## 9 SEARSPORT 12 Miles from Bucksport www.searsport.maine.gov | see map on page 24

Searsport is a coastal town settled in the late 18th century, known for its history of sea captains and the China Trade. It is a true port-town with nearly ten miles of coastline. Searsport is home to the oldest maritime museum in Maine, Penobscot Marine Museum, nestled in its quaint downtown area. There are numerous parks and preserves, as well as many camping and hiking options. The Searsport pier offers panoramic ocean views, as well as an opportunity to cast your fishing pole in the water. If fishing is not your cup of tea, walk the beach in search of driftwood and shells - if you time it right and the tide is out, you can explore the many small tide pools.

Off the coast of Searsport is Sears Island, known as Wassumkeag or shining beach by the indigenous Wabanaki tribe. At 940 acres, it is the largest uninhabited island on the East Coast. It is accessible by car along a causeway. This dog friendly island provides a fantastic opportunity to hike, bike, swim, birdwatch, go metal detecting, or enjoy a picnic.

Searsport is a collector's dream, boasting miles of flea markets and antique shops along Route 1. Don't forget to stop into Moose Point State Park, which overlooks Penobscot Bay!



## 11 BLUE HILL 17 Miles from Bucksport www.bluehillme.gov | see map on page 25

Blue Hill is a small town in many ways, but it is rich with cultural attractions including galleries, shops, restaurants, theatre, and chamber music. Blue Hill Mountain overlooks the town and has beautiful public trails. The view from the top is magnificent!

With a new *Charlotte's Web* exhibit, the Blue Hill Fair in Blue Hill has drawn more people than before. Many knew that this was the backdrop for E.B. White's book, but to actually experience it is something else entirely. If you find yourself in the area over Labor Day weekend, checking out this exhibit is an absolute must.

## CASTINE 17 Miles from Bucksport 11 www.castine.me.us | see map on page 24

Castine is one of the oldest communities in North America. It has been occupied continuously since the early 1600s as the site of numerous trading posts, forts, missions, and permanent settlements of France, Holland, England, and colonial America. Before 1613, and during its long history, Castine has also been home to several nations of Native Americans. Castine has existed as a town since 1796 and is named after Baron Jean Vincent d'Abbadie de St. Castin, a French nobleman and adventurer who established a trading post in the 1670s. He married the daughter of Madockawando, the chief of the local tribe of Tarratine Natives, with whom he had at least two sons. Two streets in present-day Castine, Tarratine Street and Madockawando Street, reflect this heritage.

Today, Maine Maritime Academy, the local college that focuses on maritime training, has a training ship called the State of Maine docked in the harbor most of the year, a reminder not only of Castine's seafaring past, but of its role in the future. Visitors can enjoy a walking tour that highlights fifty historic sites and buildings, including three forts occupied during the American Revolution.

Learn more about the storied history of Castine from the 1600s to today. Visit one of the local museums or be part of the many exciting events that offer attractions and fun for the whole family. Experience historical exhibits, a Fourth of July Celebration, Bastille Day Celebration, Historic Sea Kayak Tours, Yacht Races, and a celebration of Fort George with plenty of activities!

## PENOBSCOT 12 Miles from Bucksport 12 www.penobscotmaine.org | see map on page 24

The town of Penobscot is located along the coast in Hancock County, Maine. The town encompasses 46.5 square miles that include two small mountains, two large ponds, a ridge of fertile farmland, several blueberry fields, a peat bog, a large freshwater pond, and more than 18 miles of shore land on Northern Bay and the Bagaduce River.

The Abenaki-Penobscot people traveled the waters of this area long before European settlers arrived, and the town takes its name from the Abenaki-Penobscot word Penobskeag or Penopeauke, signifying a rocky place. Native American settlements dotted the region when French explorers and settlers arrived in the early 17th century. The first permanent settlers, who were English, arrived in 1759. The area was named Majorbagaduce Territory and included the current towns of Castine, Penobscot, and Brooksville. The town of Penobscot was incorporated in February 1787.

Penobscot has around 1300 residents, and many making a living with home-based businesses and family farms. The largest employers in town are the K-8 school and the general store. Some of the residents are descendants of early settlers; some arrived more recently and have become part of the community. Others enjoy spending their summers here.



# HISTORY of Colonel Jonathan Buck



Colonel Jonathan Buck led a group from Massachusetts to establish 6 townships in what is now Maine. In August 1762, Buck started the survey of Township Number 1, which later came to be known as Buckstown. He returned in 1764 and built a sawmill next to the Penobscot River (Buck was a ship builder). The next year he built a home and soon other families built homes in the small village. During the American Revolution, Colonel Buck led the local militia regiment and engaged the British during the Siege of Fort George in 1779. After the war, Colonel Buck was honorably discharged from the army and lived his life out in what was renamed, Bucksport.

He received a Commission as Justice of the Peace, the first magistrate in the region. It is from this position a legend developed regarding his large tombstone. According to the Haverhill Gazette, "the hangmen was about to perform his gruesome duty when the woman turned to Col. Buck and raising one hand to heaven, as if to direct her last words on earth, pronounced this astounding prophecy: 'Jonathan Buck, listen to these words, the last my tongue will utter. It is the spirit of the only true and living God which bids me speak them to you. You will soon die. Over your grave they will erect a stone that all may know where your bones are crumbling into dust. But listen, upon that stone the imprint of my feet will appear, and for all time, long after you and you accursed race have perished from the earth, will the people from far and wide know that you murdered a woman. Remember well, Jonathan Buck, remember well.'"

Although the tombstone was not erected until the mid-1800's, under the name "BUCK" over the years, a stain slowly emerged that appears to be a woman's leg and foot. It can be seen to this day. A number of stories developed about why the image showed up on the tombstone, but the most enduring seems to be the fictional story of the witch's curse.

Written by: Timothy Buck - Descendant of Col Jonathan Buck  
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# 2023 CALENDAR of events

**PROSPECT- First Saturday of May: Bridge the Gap** This race starts at Fort Knox in Prospect, crossing the Penobscot Narrows Bridge. There is a 10-Miler that tours Verona Island from west to east, and a 3-Miler, which cuts across Verona Island and follows the scenic waterfront walkway. Both races finish on Main Street in downtown Bucksport. FMI visit Bridge the Gap Race on Facebook

**ORLAND – Last weekend of June: River Days** Celebrate the mighty Narramissic River for the 42nd year with a parade, food, crafts, a cannonball contest, a raft race and the River Duck Dash where 1000 rubber ducks will dash down the river! FMI [www.townoforland.org](http://www.townoforland.org)

**FRANKFORT – 4th of July Parade Every year on the 4th of July**, Frankfort celebrates with a small parade through the center of town! FMI visit [frankfortmaine.gov](http://frankfortmaine.gov)

**STONINGTON – The Stonington Lobster Boat Races are usually held the second weekend in July.** FMI visit [bluehillpeninsula.org](http://bluehillpeninsula.org)

**PENOBSCOT – Penobscot Day** takes place on the **second Saturday in July** each year; Penobscot Day is a town-wide event with something of interest for everyone. Starts at the Penobscot Historical Society with breakfast, a huge yard sale, followed by a parade, children's games, lunch, silent auction, a dinner at the Methodist church, music, and fireworks! FMI visit [penobscotmaine.org/penobscot-day](http://penobscotmaine.org/penobscot-day)

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