

Escape from New York

Because even the most loyal New Yorker needs to flee the greatest city on earth sometimes.



Freeport, ME

Answer the call of the wild

Mother Nature shines in these parts. Take in the coastal scenery at **Wolfe's Neck Woods State Park**, 230 pristine acres of marshes nestled amid hemlock and white pine forests. Take an easy half-mile hike on the Casco Bay Trail for Instagram-worthy views. Naturalists will help you spot the resident osprey, or meander solo and soak in the pine-tinged air before firing up one of the park's charcoal grills for an alfresco feast.

→ 426 Wolfe's Neck Rd (207-865-4465, maine.gov/wolfesneckwoods)

Makin' whoopie

The sugar fairy has blessed this town, so leave your diet at the state border and indulge in a whoopie pie, Maine's official state treat, at **Wicked Whoopies**. Surrender to nostalgia overload with the classic chocolate cake version that has fortified five generations of Mainers, or try the addictive coconut or Creamsicle varieties.

→ 100 Main St (207-865-3100, wickedwhoopies.com)

Hit the trail

Adventurers of all ages and skill levels will revel in the opportunity to put their performance gear to good use at **L.L. Bean Outdoor Discovery Schools**. You'll find expert instructors who are eager to teach activities from archery and fly-fishing to ice fishing in the winter and canoeing in the summer. Programs range from free seminars and \$25 group classes to weeklong hiking and sailing excursions.

→ 95 Main St (888-552-3261, llbean.com/adventure)

Hop to it

To sample some of the region's best craft brews, head to **Maine Beer Company**. The

INSIDER SECRETS

Locals give it to you straight.

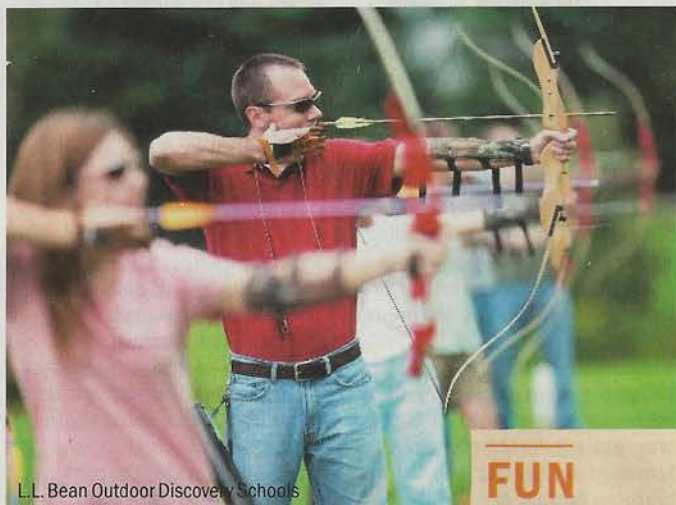


"Linda Bean's Maine Kitchen and Topside Tavern serves lobster rolls in two sizes: regular and colossal."
—Robert

"Local roaster Coffee by Design is my favorite for a caffeine jolt. Try the Casco Bay Blend."
—Susan

"Book a room with a fireplace at the Harraseeket Inn."
—Shira

"Wake up early and watch the sun rise over the bay from Winslow Memorial Park."
—Teresa



L.L. Bean Outdoor Discovery Schools

tasting room offers a rotating selection of eight American-style beers on tap plus gigantic windows that let you gaze at the on-site brewing space. You'll be transported to hops heaven as you sip Zoe, a balanced amber ale, or swig Another One, an IPA with a citrus kick, all while mingling with friendly locals.

→ 525 U.S. Rte 1 (207-221-5711, mainebeercompany.com)

Savor the sea

With hundreds of miles of craggy coastline, Maine offers hungry travelers ultra-fresh seafood freshly plucked from the chilly Atlantic waters. At **Jameson Tavern**, enjoy classic New England fare including velvety chowder bursting with local clams, steamers and fried haddock so light it could levitate off the plate.

→ 115 Main St (207-865-4196, jamesontavern.com)

■ Allison Tibaldi

FUN FACT

L.L. Bean's flagship store is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year—in case you feel a late-night urge for flannel (there aren't even locks on the doors).