Things to Do Around Boothbay, Maine
2025

Must See around Boothbay Harbor

- *Maine State Aquarium – Boothbay Harbor*
- *Penny Lake Preserve*
  In downtown Boothbay Harbor, [Penny Lake Preserve](#) is a freshwater wetland right next to [hotel in Boothbay Harbor](#)
- *Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens*
- *Cap'n Fish's Boat Trips & whale watches*
- *Schooner Lazy Jack Cruises*
- *Burnt Island Lighthouse*
- *Fort Edgecomb*
- *Carousel Music Theater*
- *Pythian Opera House*
- *Sarah's Scoops*
- *Fishing Charters*
- *Lobster Fishing Trips*
- *Boothbay Harbor Boat Tours*
- *Different Breweries*
- *Antiques and Flea Markets*
- *Gift and Craft Shops*
- *Art Studios*
- *Boothbay Railway Museum*
- *Botanical Gardens*
- *Department of Maine Resources – Aquarium and Touch Tank*
- *Maine State Aquarium, **194 McKown Point Road,** West Boothbay = **43.8439/ -69.6400***
- *Miniature Golf*
- *Movie Theatre*
- *Popham State Park*
- *Reid State Park*
- *Bradbury Mountain State Park, Pownal, Me (nice day hike)*
- *Camden Hills State Park, Camden*

Area Attractions

- **Coastal Villages**
  - *Get lost exploring the scenic harbors, historic lighthouses and unique shops, galleries and restaurants of Boothbay Harbor and Southport. Pack a lunch and take a drive or hike along the coast of Maine and down to Burnt Island Light where unforgettable panoramic views of Boothbay Harbor await.*
- **Restaurants**
  - *Naturally seafood, and specifically lobster, is on almost everyone's "must eat" list when they visit Maine, and the campground will be happy to share with you their favorite lobster shacks. But our local restaurants can do much more than just the catch of the day.*

Area Lighthouses

- *Burnt Island Lighthouse*
- *Hendricks Head Lighthouse*
- *Pemaquid Point Lighthouse*
- *Ram Island Lighthouse*
- *Cuckolds Lighthouse*
- *Monhegan Light*
- *Sequin Lighthouse*

Area History

Boothbay Harbor, located in Lincoln County in Maine, has a population of just over 2,000 people and includes the villages of Sprucewold, West Boothbay Harbor, and Bayville.

Boothbay's first settlers were the Abenaki people who called the region Winnegance. In 1730, Colonel David Dunbar founded the town of Townsend, which was later renamed Boothbay in 1842. The town of Boothbay Harbor was incorporated as a separate community from Boothbay in 1889.

Boothbay Harbor was developed as an important fishing center, able to hold hundreds of ships in its port. Within 40 years, fishing and canning industries thrived. Today, Boothbay Harbor is visited by thousands of people each year as they come for fresh seafood, a glimpse of marine life, and seaside relaxation.

The Semple shipyard in Boothbay Harbor built minesweepers for the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Parts of the movie Carousel were filmed here.

Hodgdon Yachts, the oldest boatbuilder in the United States operates a marina in Boothbay Harbor.

The Boothbay Harbor Region hosts a number of fun festivals and events, making it a great place to visit any time of year.

National Parks and Other Points of Interest

- *Acadia National Park is 109 miles north of Boothbay (a drive along the coast)*
- *Katahdin Woods & Waters (not a lot to see except for woods and lakes)*
- *Maine's Baxter State Park (Katahdin Mountain) 227 miles from Boothbay Maine.*
  - *Northern end of the 2,184 mile long Appalachian Trail*
- *Rangeley Lake State Park and Mountains (115 miles from Boothbay)*