

## Things to Do Around Wiscasset, Maine

2025

**Wiscasset** is a [town](#) in and the [seat](#) of [Lincoln County, Maine](#), United States.<sup>[2]</sup> The municipality is located in the state of Maine's [Mid Coast](#) region. The population was 3,742 as of the [2020 census](#).<sup>[3]</sup> Home to the [Chewonki Foundation](#), Wiscasset is a tourist destination noted for early architecture and as the location of [Red's Eats](#) restaurant.

### **Things to Do in the Wiscasset Area:**

- Maine Tasting Center (Locally sources cheese, charcuterie, smoked fish, craft beer, wine, mead and cider) - 506 Old Bath Road (207) 558—5772
- Wiscasset Antiques Mall
- The Maine Art Gallery and many other art galleries
- Many Main Street (downtown) stores
- Westport Island Pottery
- Lincoln County Museum and 1811 Old Jail
- 19<sup>th</sup> Century Federal Style Mansions – Castle Tucket & Nichols-Sortwell House
- Fort Edgecomb in Edgecomb
- Wiscasset Waterville & Farmington (narrow gauge) Railway in Alna
- Sylvan Gallery in Wiscasset

### **Restaurants in Wiscasset**

- Red's Eats (famous Lobster Rolls) if you can wait in line - 41 Water Street
- Sprague's Lobster Across Main Street from Reds – 22 Main Street
- Sherre's Kitchen (Breakfast) – 560 Gardiner Road (Closed Monday and Tuesday)
- Sea Basket
- Sarah's Cafe

### **History**

In 1605, [Samuel de Champlain](#) is said to have landed here and exchanged gifts with the [Indians](#). Situated on the [tidal Sheepscot River](#), Wiscasset was first settled by Europeans in 1660. The community was abandoned during the [French and Indian Wars](#), and the [King Philip's War](#) in 1675 and then resettled around 1730. In 1760, it was incorporated as Pownalborough after Colonial Governor [Thomas Pownall](#). In 1802, it resumed its original [Abenaki](#) name, Wiscasset, which means "coming out from the harbor but you don't see where."<sup>[4]</sup>

During the Revolutionary War, the British warship *Rainbow* harbored itself in Wiscasset Harbor and held the town at bay until the town gave the warship essential supplies.

In 1775, Captain Jack Bunker supposedly robbed the payroll of a British supply ship, *Falmouth Packet*, that was stowed in Wiscasset Harbor. He was chased for days and caught on Little Seal Island. His treasure reportedly has never been found.

The [seaport](#) became a center for [shipbuilding](#), fishing and [lumber](#). Wiscasset quickly became the busiest seaport north of Boston until the embargo of 1807 halted much trade with England. Most of Wiscasset's business and trade was destroyed.<sup>[4]</sup>