

Park's Place Apartment

SEAFOOD SHACKS*

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There are also hundreds of roadside lobster and seafood shacks in Maine and other parts of New England, particularly in Maine where the state's Food Law allows such operations with simple and trusting regulations. Be sure to stop in to any that look interesting, you'll likely be pleasantly surprised.

GENDRON'S SEAFOOD	\$\$, 2.1 miles, 1292 Lisbon St., Lewiston www.gendronsseafood.com
LA ROCHELLE'S SEAFOOD	\$\$, 4.7 miles, 22 Mill Street, New Auburn www.alwaysfreshseafood.net While not restaurants per se, you can consider these "fresh seafood takeout". They both offer live lobsters, clams and oysters retail but, for a small fee per lb and if you call ahead to schedule pickup, they'll cook them fresh just before you arrive to take your order home. They also offer scallops, haddock and other items depending on the day and season, along with better frozen fish and shellfish chowders, soups and bisque.
GURNET TRADING CO.	\$\$, 18 miles, 602 Gurnet Rd., Brunswick www.gurnettTrading.com Basically a better roadside lobster shack. They offer live lobsters, clams and oysters retail along with nationwide shipping of live animals but, for a small fee per lb and if you call ahead to schedule pickup, they'll cook them fresh just before you arrive to take your order home. They also have a rather extensive dining menu, and there are seating areas both inside and outside. They also offer scallops, haddock, squid for calamari, and other items depending on the day and season, along with better frozen fish and shellfish chowders, soups and bisque, and plenty of other menu items if seafood isn't on your mind that day.
FIVE ISLANDS LOBSTER CO.	\$\$, 35 miles, 1447 5 Islands Rd., Georgetown www.fiveislandslobster.com Five Islands is probably the freshest lobster shack in the area while also likely being the most fun. Located on a picturesque man-made peninsula in the Sheepscot River, there's parking for dozens of cars and picnic table seating for at least a hundred diners. Five Lobsters is made up of three buildings. The farthest is the lobster building, where lobsters from the surrounding waters, along with other shellfish such as steamers and mussels, are prepped from live to either direct sale to customers in to go containers or as baskets to eat on-site. The "Love Shack" grill building offers a sweet and overstuffed lobster roll, other seafood preparations, burgers and sandwiches, and many other items as well as souvenirs. And the ice cream building offers desserts made of local products. Wandering the rocky shoreline nearby is also allowed, it's only the active boating docks that are private and off-limits. The overall view, past Malden Island, Hen Island and Mink Island to the open ocean, is simply breathtaking.

RESTAURANTS & BAKERIES*

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FRAN'S PLACE	\$\$, 1.6 miles, 1485 Lisbon St., Lewiston Family Diner, cozy and small, but huge breakfasts
CHICK-A-DEE	\$\$, 1.7 miles, 1472 Lisbon St., Lewiston www.chickadeeoflewiston.com Family restaurant offering local seafood classics. A staple of the area opening a short distance away in Turner in 1935 before moving to Lewiston in 2007. Dinner portions are quite large, a lunch portion might be more appropriate for some.
GOVERNOR'S RESTAURANT	\$\$, 2.4 miles, 1185 Lisbon St., Lewiston www.governorsrestaurant.com Family Diner, huge breakfasts, handmade breads, rolls, pies and cakes, weekend breakfast buffet
D'ANGELO'S	\$\$, 2.7 miles, 1042 Lisbon St., Lewiston www.dangelos.com A small chain started in Dedham, Massachusetts, in 1967 with locations from Connecticut to Maine. Grilled & Deli Sandwiches, try the Chicken Cranberry Pecan Salad Sandwich, a simpler and tastier version of the popular New England Chicken Salad Sandwich.
ANGELO'S PIZZERIA	\$\$, 2.8 miles, 195 Lisbon St., Lisbon, www.angelospizzalisbon.com 4.1 miles, 365 Sabattus St., Lewiston, www.angelospizzalewiston.com With two locations, Angelo's is old-school in making their own doughs, sauces and cheese blends for their pizzas. They also offer a complete menu of other specialties including salads and sandwiches, burgers, pastas such as spaghetti and fettuccini, calzones, and desserts.
ITALIAN BAKERY PRODUCTS	\$, 3.8 miles, 225 Bartlett St., Lewiston www.theitalianbakery.biz ca. 1960 bakery offering breads, rolls, doughnuts and pastries, along with sandwiches and pizzas, all made with doughs made in-house, as well as soups, salads, and both fruit and savory pies.
VAL'S DRIVE-IN	\$ (cash only), 3.9 miles, 925 Sabattus St., Lewiston www.valsdrivein.com 1959-era Drive-In – Eat In Your Car, Burgers, Seafood Sandwiches such as the Clam Cake, Poutine, and classic root beer floats
DAVINCI'S EATERY	\$\$, 4.3 miles, 150 Mill St., Lewiston www.davinciseatery.com Italian Fast Casual in a preserved wooden factory setting, the Veal and the Beef Bolognese are particularly good
GRANT'S BAKERY	\$, 4.4 miles, 525 Sabattus St., Lewiston Baked goods made fresh, including doughnuts, pastries, cakes, pies, breads & rolls, etc. Try the Boston Cream Pie cake, Bear Claws with slivered almonds, Chocolate Chip Cannelloni, and handmade Whoopie Pies.

SIMONE'S HOT DOG STAND	\$, 4.4 miles, 99 Chestnut St., Lewiston www.simoneshotdogstand.com Established in 1908 Simone's is one of the oldest hot dog stands in the country, and in July 2018 was included in Thrillist's Top 21 Hot Dog Joints In America. Still owned by the same family, their classic dish is two of Maine's red hot dogs, steamed and served on toasted frankfort rolls. However they also have an extensive menu including breakfast fare, breakfast sandwiches, subs and burgers, and their own lobster roll.
MOTHER INDIA	\$\$, 4.4 miles, 114 Lisbon St., Lewiston www.motherindiame.com Authentic Indian add details
FISH BONES AMERICAN GRILL	\$\$, 4.5 miles, 70 Lincoln St., Mill 6, Lewiston www.fishbonesag.com American Grill add details
FUEL	\$\$\$, 4.5 miles, 49 Lisbon St., Lewiston www.fuelmaine.com American cuisine. Easily the place to go for special occasions or for just a really nice meal. The fried Brussels sprout appetizer with balsamic reduction easily serves two, and the cheese and charcuterie plates, served on slate, offer some great local products. At the time we went the menu offered pork belly, macaroni and cheese with local bacon, braised rabbit with pasta, and huge balsamic-glazed pork shanks. The service is impeccable as well, and the wine and cocktail list is very thorough.
ORCHID	\$\$, 4.5 miles, 29 Lisbon St., Lewiston www.orchidlewiston.com Asian fusion, Vietnamese, Sushi. A quaint Asian restaurant with elegant chopstick placesettings and beautiful art on the walls created with Legos. Much of the food is authentic, although some of the Thai dishes and sushi are Americanized. But the items that are authentic are quite good, and the spicier dishes have that nice addicting heat to them. Sticky rice dishes are served correctly, with the rice being placed in front of the diner as the main course, and vegetables and proteins to the side with large spoons as add-ins. Forks are available if you don't have the chops for chopsticks.
RAILROAD RESTAURANT & PUB	\$\$, 6.6 miles, 697 Lisbon St., Lisbon Falls Family Diner serving Maine specialties, open for breakfast
MAC'S GRILL	\$\$, 7.7 miles, 1052 Minot Ave., Auburn www.macsgrill.com American Grill & Steakhouse add details
SEDGLEY PLACE	\$\$\$, 11 miles, 54 Sedgley Rd., Greene www.sedgleyplace.com Modern American, offering multi-course single-price dinners with a menu that changes weekly. add details

SEA DOG BREWING CO.	\$\$, 14 miles, 1 Bowdoin Mill Island #100, Topsham www.seadogbrewing.com/topsham.php Brewpub, but with Maine-specific dishes. You may have seen locations elsewhere, including both Clearwater and Orlando, Florida. But Sea Dog was founded in Maine and their brewery here is in Bangor. (There's also another brewery in Clearwater.)
CAMERON'S LOBSTER HOUSE	\$\$, 16 miles, 18 Bath Rd., Brunswick www.cameronslobsterhouse.com Seafood Restaurant & Drive-In, they also serve breakfast
NEZINSCOT FARM CAFE	\$, 17 miles, 284 Turner Center Rd., Turner www.nezinscotfarm.com The café serves breakfast and lunch using meats, eggs, cheeses, milks, baked goods, produce and other items from the farm itself, all made in an open kitchen.
TASTE OF MAINE	\$\$, 24 miles, 161 Main St., Woolwich www.tasteofmaine.com Family Restaurant, specializing in Seafood and Maine-centric dishes. They serve Maine's longest Lobster Roll at three feet, and their whole Maine Boiled Lobster is a classic preparation.
RED'S EATS	\$\$, 33 miles, 41 Water St., Wiscasset www.redseatスマaine.com Lobster Roll Shack featured on "Bizarre Foods" for its overstuffed fresh Lobster Roll, they also make their own desserts. Prepare to wait in a very long line, and be happily patient. Have some ice cream.
SARAH'S CAFE	\$\$, 33 miles, 45 Water St., Wiscasset www.sarahscafe.com A waterside Family Restaurant serving local seafood dishes in a pub setting. Eat here if the line at Red's Eats across the street is too long.
THE LOCAL HUB	\$\$, 43 miles, 224 N. Main St., Greenwood www.localhubmaine.com Artisanal Local Dishes, with a market featuring fresh-baked breads, pies and other local foods. Specials may including something like the Duckin' Good Morning, a \$10 (at that time) scramble made with three duck eggs, with broccoli, tomatoes, onions, spinach, and Havarti cheese, topped with microgreens and served with your choice of toast. (Get the rosemary toast, it's seriously good.)
McSEAGULL'S	\$\$, 46 miles, 14 Wharf St., Boothbay Harbor www.mcseagullsonline.com A classically-designed waterside Family Restaurant & Pub, they serve large local seafood dishes. Their Shepherd's Pie is unusual as the potato shell is the dish it's served in.

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LOCAL ATTRACTIONS*

DOG PARKS	<p>Robin's Garden & Dog Park 5.6 miles, 56 Strawberry Ave., Lewiston This is a segregated dog park in Lewiston, located between the Humane Society and the Animal Emergency Clinic. There are two separate areas, one for dogs 30 lb and under, and one for larger dogs.</p> <p>South End Park 23 miles, Washington St., Bath (located between the shipyard at Bath Iron Works and the Maine Maritime Museum) This rather roomy dog park isn't segregated, but dogs do have access to the Kennebec River.</p>
ALL-IN-ONE PARKS	<p>Eastern Promenade 38 miles, 510 Eastern Promenade, Portland, www.easternpromenade.org This free city park is the easternmost land in Portland, consisting of two miles of walking/biking/jogging trails offering magnificent views of the Portland harbor and the Casco Bay. There is also a long and narrow swimming beach, Fort Allen Park with a memorial made of the tripod mast, bridge shield and bell from the USS Portland (CA-33), play areas, baseball diamonds, tennis and basketball courts, picnic tables, and a long tall hill for lounging on the lawn. The tour train from the nearby Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad Co. & Museum (www.mainenarrowgauge.org) runs through the park along the paved trail. Portland Paddle (www.portlandpaddle.net) is onsite renting sea kayaks and stand-up paddleboards (SUP). And Maine Duck Tours (www.maineducktours.com) uses a ramp near Portland Paddle to drive their amphibious "Duck" tour boats into and out of the Casco Bay for that portion of their tours of Portland.</p>
BEACHES	<p>Popham Beach State Park 37 miles, 10 Perkins Farm Ln, Phippsburg, www.maine.gov/pophambeach State park entry fees apply, which are higher for out-of-state guests. Pets are not allowed between April 1 and September 30. This clean beach is quite large for this area, offering areas for swimming, surfing, and cookouts. Access to Fox Island and Wood Island is possible except under some tidal and weather conditions.</p> <p>Old Orchard Beach 48 miles, www.oobmaine.com Old Orchard Beach is both a town and a lengthy beach south of Portland, similar in many aspects to Cocoa Beach and Cocoa, Florida. There are dozens of shops and restaurants in the walkable town, along with some on a high wharf that extends over the ocean. The beach and the town are both dog-friendly.</p>

FARMS**Nezinscot Farm**

17 miles, 284 Turner Center Rd., Turner

www.nezinscotfarm.com

The downstairs market and café feature meats, eggs, cheeses, milks, baked goods, produce and other items from the farm itself. Unique items include fresh raw (unpasteurized) cow's milk, partridge, duck and goose eggs, whole frozen goose and whole goat kid, along with chicken, beef, pork and poultry products. There are baked goods and pickled vegetables that are made on-site, along with local handmade soaps and sundries, and a lot of other items. The café serves breakfast and lunch using the same farm products, all made in an open kitchen. Upstairs is a full woolery shop including raw products, yarns and finished goods, as well as spinning wheels, looms and tools. Events include farm-to-table dinners, produce picking events, and classes in baking and various woolery skills.

Pineland Farms

19 miles, 15 Farm View Rd., New Gloucester

www.pinelandfarms.org

Pineland's dairy products and eggs can be found in nearby stores such as Hannaford. A state institution from 1908 to 1996, the property was repurposed and has been a working farm since 2001. There's a large market with a bakery and sandwich shop at the front, offering eggs, meats, cheeses and produce grown on the farm along with their own spices and spice blends, and many other products. The old "school" is now offices, and while the property has always had a farm solely for the use of those committed there to work in providing their own meals, the newer commercial working farm has been added behind the school's buildings. The farm is quite clean, the animals are very friendly, and you're encouraged to interact with most of them, even in the dairy barn where the lineage can be traced to cows brought from Holland in the 1800s. Be sure to visit their floral and tree garden down the road, as well as their nearby immaculate equestrian facility with its friendly and needy compliment of Morgan horses.

WALKING/ BIKING/ JOGGING	<p>Papermill Trail/Miller Park 4.8 miles, ME-196, Lisbon A municipal “rail-to-trail” project, these lengthy paved trails run through a beautiful area along a shallow river having areas of gentle rapids. It’s all very well-groomed, including stone benches, memorials, and other markers. As it was once a railroad it’s one-way, there’s no loop, so turn around at your discretion. At one point you’ll see some of the stone abutments of the Paper Mill Bridge, which collapsed in 1935, some of the walls of the Farnsworth Dam, and the sluice for a mill’s waterwheel, all along the river where that mill was located.</p> <p>Pineland Farms 19 miles, 15 Farm View Rd., New Gloucester www.pinelandfarms.org Over 30km of professionally-designed trails wander through the 5,000-acre property. In the winter, snowshoes and cross-country skies are available for rent at the recreation office, along with sleds and ice skates.</p> <p>Dodge Point Preserve 42 miles, River Rd., Newcastle www.damariscottariver.org/trail/dodge-point-public-reserved-land/ A former tree farm on 500 acres, there are 5.5 miles of groomed hilly trails for walking or jogging. The Preserve allows dogs, as well as swimming from Pebble or Sand Beach in the Damariscotta River. The beautiful Ice Pond is spring-fed about 30 feet above the sea level of the Damariscotta, although swimming is not allowed there. Signage throughout the Preserve help you keep track of where you are, and the occasional benches are welcome.</p>
ROCK HIKING	<p>Giant's Stairs & McIntosh Lot Preserve 32 miles, 21 Washington St., Bailey Island Park in the small marked lots provided by some residents, or in marked roadside areas only. The quarter mile of thirty-foot cliffs and ridges of dark basalt rock formations along the shoreline are topped with a 700-foot-long walkable trail. Gentle non-technical climbing of the complex and varied formations is welcome, but is still quite dangerous. It's beautiful here, just be careful.</p> <p>Pott's Point Preserve 29 miles, the end of Pott's Point Rd., Harpswell The last quarter mile of the road is dirt, and only residents' cars are allowed. Park alongside the road before this area and walk on the dirt road out to the preserve. Pott's Point is a flatter area of the same dark basalt rock formations at Giant's Stairs one peninsula to the east, but here there are thousands of eddy pools which may have sea life in them from the previous tide. Bladder wrack, a slippery latex-like seaweed, is literally everywhere covering a lot of area and is likely still wet. This can make walking on the basalt and other areas quite dangerous, so take care with it.</p>
WILDLIFE PARK	<p>Maine Wildlife Park 20 miles, 56 Game Farm Rd., Gray www.maine.gov/ifw/wildlife-park/ Operated by Maine's Dept. of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, this 65 acres is the former home of a 35-year employee of the Department, whose vision for the park helped to create it. Wildlife animals at the park are not bred, but instead are those animals that have come in from having major injuries, are orphans, were kept as pets and are dependent on humans, or for similar reasons cannot be released into the wild and need a home. At the time of this writing there are moose, black bears, bald eagles, foxes, an albino raccoon, owls and vultures, lynx, cougars, porcupines, and many other animals. Fees are minimal and help support the care of the residents.</p>

MUSEUMS	<p>Museum L-A 4.4 miles, 35 Canal St., Lewiston www.museumla.org This group in the original late-1800s Bates Mill Complex is preserving the fabric mill and loom works history of Lewiston, as well as the shoe manufacturing history of Auburn. There are 230 bedspread silkscreens left from various designs, along with some of the original painted artwork for designs, and the handmade punch cards for the automated mills that wove intricate quilts in other rooms. The mill, like others in the area, were cotton-to-finished-product, and at their peak were home to thousands of workers. Some silkscreen artwork is now being made available in the gift shop as wall art, pillows and china. Some quilts are also being made at a facility in Portland that still uses the same early punch card technology, and are available for purchase.</p> <p>Maine Maritime Museum 24 miles, 243 Washington St., Bath, www.mainemaritimemuseum.org Built on the site of the historic Percy & Small Shipyard, which built wooden schooners and other vessels and predated the current Bath Iron Works shipyard nearby, the museum yard includes restored P&S buildings as they were when in-use. There is also an active boathouse where wooden boats are built by hand (classes are also available on a number of subjects, such as a cedar Adirondack chair you can take home), and a building dedicated to the history and current operations of Maine's lobster industry.</p>
ANTIQUE SHOPPING	<p>Cabot Mill Antiques 14 miles, 14 Maine St., Brunswick A clean antique shop in an old factory, with organized stalls for other dealers. There are number of really nice restored nautical items that were in-use at some point. On weekends they also open the flea market/antique mall in another part of the building, which is largely cluttered while great finds can still be had.</p> <p>Wiscasset Village Antiques 30 miles, 536 Bath Rd., Wiscasset More than 150 dealers are presented in the clean basement, first and second floors. It can take a few hours to browse here.</p>
USED BOOKS	<p>Artios Books 5.4 miles, 180 Turner St., Auburn An old-style used bookstore, with everything in apparent disarray, this store is reminiscent of many others including the half-dozen similar shops in Ann Arbor, Michigan. But it's highly organized, to the point where the owner has detailed categorized lists of other books in the basement. Ask for cookbooks, he'll hand you that list, pick out what you'd like to see, and he'll go get it in short order. When you open the door the bell will ring ... and a dog will start barking in a vicious manner. All Shep wants is a treat ... Grab one out of the bowl on the counter, but only one per doorbell ring, and feed it to him. That's all he wants.</p> <p>Gulf Of Maine Books 15 miles, 134 Maine St., Brunswick A used bookstore also offering some new books, this tidy and comfortable shop is great for browsing, especially as part of a walking day trip through the rest of downtown Brunswick.</p>

BOTANICAL GARDENS	Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens 46 miles, 132 Botanical Gardens Dr., Boothbay Separate entry fees for members and non-members, with free parking This beautifully manicured 250 acre facility has a new Welcome Center in 2018. Gardens include a Burpee Seed Kitchen Garden, a nursery rhyme-themed area of multiple gardens for kids, and many other gardens and nature areas with both seasonal and annual plantings. Oversized golf cart shuttles are available for those having difficulty walking the distances involved.
BIRDING	<p>Thorncrag Bird Sanctuary 4.0 miles, the end of Highland Spring Rd. at Montello St., behind Hannaford's on Sabattus Operated by the Stanton Bird Club, this 370 acre property is the highest point in Lewiston. Birds and other animals make their homes here, there are many local species. Going in it's all uphill to the top of the crag, so take some water. Also, dogs are not allowed anywhere on the property, not even in the parking lot, so be sure not to take them.</p> <p>Hamilton Audubon Sanctuary, Maine Audubon Society 24 miles, Foster's Point Rd., West Bath Numerous color-coded trails lead off the designated parking areas, allowing you to explore a sanctuary at Back Cove. Numerous bird species can be spotted here, and you might even have a run-in with an otter or two.</p>

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TRIPS TO CONSIDER*

WALKABLE DAY TRIPS

Brunswick

15 miles

With its wide roadway and wide sidewalks, the six-block downtown area along 201 is quite walkable. There are many restaurants, shops and gift shops here, along with a food truck row in the summer months. Parades may also be held on major holiday and crowds then can get rather large.

Freeport

22 miles

Part of the appeal of dog-friendly Freeport is the collection of categorized LL Bean flagship retail stores. But even if you're not into the outdoors there's plenty of other unique shops and restaurants here, including a wonderful collection of factory outlets.

Portland

42 miles

Park along the waterfront (two-hour paid parking maximum) or park for an hourly rate at the Casco Bay Parking Garage at the Maine State Pier at the end of Franklin St. right at Alt 1. The waterfront is the place to begin a day of walking of this centuries-old New England metropolis. There are classic seafood restaurants and stalls on the waterfront and throughout the city's steep hills, along with plenty of unique shops. Museums also abound here, and walking the piers at the harbor can be a day all its own. Passenger and car ferries are also available for crossing the harbor and exploring even more of Portland. It's a place to visit more than once, you'll never see it all in one day.

Boothbay Harbor

46 miles

A quaint New England community, the hilly, winding shopping and restaurant area downtown also includes a wide variety of available and (occasionally) themed day trips on the water from the marina in the harbor itself.

Bangor

104 miles (Turnpike driving)

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**OVERNIGHT
TRIPS****Mt. Washington**

90 miles, Sargent's Purchase, New Hampshire

This 6,288 foot peak is best accessed from the south through the walkable town of Jackson.

There's plenty to do in Jackson, including train rides through the natural areas in the summer, and lots of places to stay. Then take NH-16 north into the White Mountain National Forest and head towards the summit. In the summer at Glen House, the Mt. Washington Auto Road will be open. For a fee, you can either drive to or be driven to (your choice) the summit of the mountain and visit the structures there that are built to withstand the winds that can reach more than 200 mph.

Bar Harbor

149 miles (Turnpike driving)

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Acadia National Park

153 miles

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