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## ACADIA TO CAMDEN VIA CASTINE

From Mt Desert Island take Rt. 3 to Ellsworth. If you like historic architecture we recommend a stop in Ellsworth at the Black Mansion -- watch for it on the right side of the road about one mile west of the town center. Just a short distance further west you will see the sign for Rt. 172 to Blue Hill.

Blue Hill is the home of many writers, artists and potters. We recommend a stop in at least one of the several pottery shops. Rackliffe's is a good one -- it's on the right just before the village center. If you want to stop for lunch we recommend Jean-Paul's Bistro, located on Main St., tel. 207-374-5852. (Try an Adirondack chair on the back lawn.) If you prefer an upscale dining experience, the Arborvine [www.arborvine.com](http://www.arborvine.com), on the Main Street in the village (tel. 207-374-2119), is a good spot. It's on the main street in the village.

From Blue Hill head west on Rt. 177 until it ends at 175 north and 199 south. Don't despair, it sounds worse than it is. Just keep following the signs "to Castine" -- the road is well marked.

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Castine is a history buff's dream. The town is full of historic markers announcing with great pride a plethora of historic minutia. Tranquil after the hustle and bustle of Bar Harbor, Castine is a town worthy of an extended visit. However, if you travel in the winter, be sure that you have accommodations secured in advance. Castine is very quiet in the winter.

After touring Castine head north on Rt. 166/175 toward Orland where you will intersect Rt. 1 -- head south. We strongly recommend a stop at **Fort Knox** (just north of Rt. 1 after you cross the Penobscot River Bridge). Restored by the State, the Fort is now a park situated on a high bluff overlooking the Penobscot River and the town of Bucksport. Be sure to take a flashlight with you so that you can explore the interior passageways. Continuing south on Rt. 1, the next stop should be at the Penobscot Marine Museum in Searsport.

After Searsport, return to Rt. 1 south. You will pass Moose Point State Park and the small city of Belfast, but by now you are tired of seeing things and you might as well come on to the **MAINE STAY INN** and relax for awhile. You will find us on the right side of Rt. 1, two blocks north of the village.

It is 87 miles from the Thompson Island bridge (the bridge that connects Mt Desert Island to the mainland) to the **MAINE STAY INN**. Driving time is two hours. Looking time could be several days.



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