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CAMDEN TO BOOTHBAY HARBOR (DAY TRIP)

It's only 50 miles from Camden to Boothbay and you can easily go from here to there in an hour and fifteen minutes. If you want to make the direct shot, go south on Rt. 1 through the center of Camden village. Go two miles south and then turn right on Rt. 90 which is a by-pass around Rockland and Thomaston.

Route 90 will end back on Rt. 1 * (13), at which point you turn right and proceed south.

Continue south on 1 until you reach Rt. 27 (36), then turn left on 27 and follow the signs to Boothbay. If you are going to stay overnight in Boothbay, we recommend the Five Gables Inn. You can reach them at 800 451 5048

After you visit Boothbay and you are ready to come back to Camden, head north on Rt. 27. About one mile after passing the Boothbay Railway Village turn right onto River Road. This is a small back road that follows the Damariscotta River to the twin towns of Newcastle and Damariscotta. Really one small town separated by a river, the history of the area is fascinating. The name "Damariscotta" means "the meeting place of the alewives" (a small herring like fish) in the language of the Passamaquoddy Indians who lived in this area a thousand years ago. In the spring you can still see spawning alewives at the reversing waterfall just north of the village.

After you have seen Damariscotta, turn south on Rt. 130 and tour another area steeped in history, the Pemaquid peninsula. Another Indian word, Pemaquid means the "long finger." This finger which points toward Portugal is separated from the small town of South Bristol and Christmas Cove by "John's Bay," a body of water named after Captain John Smith who explored here in 1614.

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Rt. 130 will take you through Bristol, New Harbor and ends at the Pemaquid Point light house. After you take a few pictures of the light house and the crashing surf, head back to New Harbor and then turn right on Rt. 32. If you like to walk, try one of the paths through the Rachel Carson Salt Pond Preserve.

This area tends to be a bit buggy, but we like it a lot in the winter.

The next town is Round Pond. If you are ready for lunch try the Anchor Inn which is not an Inn, but it is a good restaurant www.anchorinnrestaurant.com (tel. 207-529-5584). Continue north on Rt. 32 until you reach Waldoboro and Rt. 1. Turn right and follow Rt. 1 north. The next town east (about 5 miles) of Waldoboro is Warren. Now you have to make a choice:

1. If you want to see Thomaston, Rockland, Owls Head or Port Clyde - stay on Rt. 1 north. You might enjoy stopping at the State Prison, they have a Prison Craft Shop where you can find ship models and furniture which has been made by the prisoners. Turn south on Rt. 131 and follow it through St George and on to Tenants Harbor and Port Clyde. From Port Clyde you can take a mail boat to Monhegan Island. If you want to make the trip to the island call 207 372 8848 for reservations. This is a great side trip, but you must be there by 10:00 to get on the 10:30 ferry and, since it doesn't come back until 16:30 (4:30 pm for civilians) you won't have time to do much else.

For the folks who know this area, yes, we know we didn't mention the Olsen House, Birch Point Beach, The Owls Head Transportation Museum, the Owls Head Light, the Farnsworth Art Museum, etc, etc.. but you can't do everything in one day.

2. If you want to come on to Camden, turn left on Rt. 90, go 11 miles, turn left on Rt. 1 (north) and you are here.

* Numbers in brackets are miles from the **MAINE STAY INN**.



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