

CAMDEN TO CASTINE

From the **MAINE STAY INN** turn left on Rt. 1 north.

Points of interest heading north include the town of Belfast (18) which has some nice old houses; Moose Point State Park (23); the Maritime Museum in Searsport (25); Fort Point State Park in Stockton Springs (30); and Fort Knox (36). Situated on a high bluff overlooking the Penobscot River and the town of Bucksport, the Fort is now a State Park. Be sure to take a flashlight with you so that you can explore the interior passageways. (36)

Continue north on Rt. 1 to Rt. 175 south at Orlando (39) Follow Rt. 175 and Rt. 166 to **CASTINE**. (54) The two most memorable things about Castine are the beautiful old homes that grace the village's quiet, tree lined streets and the great number of historical markers. Perhaps it is because the town has a keen sense of its own importance or because a lot of truly historically significant things happened there, but whatever the reason you can learn a lot about the local history by reading the markers. If you are going to stay over-night, the best spot is the Castine Inn (207-326-4365). The inn is also the best place in town to eat.

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Enjoy our area !

After touring Castine, head north on Rt. 166 until you come to Rt. 199. Take a right on 199, go through the small village of Penobscot where you will pick up Rt. 175 without making a turn and head toward South Penobscot. There you will turn left on Rt. 177 to Blue Hill. This sounds very confusing, but the road is well marked and you are only going 18 miles.

BLUE HILL is the home of many writers, artists and potters. For an informal lunch we recommend an Adirondack chair on the back lawn of Jean-Paul's Bistro, located on Main St., tel. 207-374-5852 -- the food is good and the view is spectacular. If you prefer a little more upscale dining experience (in Maine that means no paper plates or paper napkins) try the Arborvine www.arborvine.com on the Main street in the village (tel. 207-374-2119). The best lodging in the village can be found at the Blue Hill Inn www.bluehillinn.com which is only one block off the main street in the center of town. (207-374-2844) (74)

If you are not interested in seeing Castine just stay on Rt. 1 until you reach Rt. 15 south. Follow 15 to Blue Hill (54)

If you are heading back to the **MAINE STAY INN** take Rt. 15 north to Rt. 1 and come on home. Direct driving time back will be a little over an hour.

* (Numbers in brackets indicate miles from the **MAINE STAY INN**.)



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