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CAMDEN TO THE COMMON GROUND FAIR

From the **MAINE STAY INN** turn left on Rt. 1 north and go north on one to Belfast (18)*

Turn left onto Rt. 137 (19) At Knox Comer turn right on Rt. 220 (34) which will take you into the village of Thorndike. (37)

If your favorite old aunt is one of the 702 persons who call Thorndike home, don't take offence when we say that there are really only three reasons for going there - you are on your way to the Common Ground Fair, you want to go to Unity Pond to try your luck with the German Browns and Thorndike got in the way, or you wanted to visit the **Bryant's Museum of Mechanical Music, Antique Cars and Stove Shop.**

Bryant's Stove Shop makes the trip worthwhile. In fact Bryant's Stove Shop makes a trip to Maine worthwhile. This is a glimpse of one Maine family's vocation and avocation. The collection of antique cars and mechanical musical devices and hundreds of beautiful old stoves, many of them in the process of repair and refurbishment, reminds us that there are still skilled craftsmen in this world who find the thrill of bringing a wonderful old object back to life to be more rewarding than making a lot of money.

Stay on Rt. 220 another few miles and you will see the fairgrounds on the left. (41)

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The Common Ground Fair is a true, rural Maine, agricultural fair. No mid-way rides, no honky-tonk, no fortune tellers or gamblers. Instead the emphasis is on Maine-made crafts, local food, music, agricultural and livestock judging ... and more food. One of my favorite things is the sheep dog demonstrations.

Parking at the fair can be a problem, so we recommend that you drive to Brooks and take the Belfast and Moosehead Lake Railroad. Plenty of parking is available at the station. You can find any information here www.brookspreservation.org/MOFGA/introduction.shtml.

To drive to Brooks, take Rt. 1 to Belfast and then take a left on Rt. 137/7. Stay on Rt. 7 all the way into Brooks. Driving time from Camden is about one hour.

* The numbers in brackets are miles from the **MAINE STAY INN**



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