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Castine, Penobscot Bay, Maine

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And yet there's not on earth, I ween,
A fairer spot than old Castine.
O would that there my home might be,
Down by the moaning sea.

—Mrs. Evans.

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THE CASTINE BOARD OF TRADE
ASSISTED BY THE PUBLIC-SPRITED
CITIZENS OF THE TOWN
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HOW TO REACH CASTINE

Boston & Maine Railroad and Maine Central Railroad to Rockland, thence Steamer "Sieur de Monts," twice daily.


Eastern Steamship Co. to Belfast, thence Steamers "Golden Rod" and "Anna Belle," twice daily.

Maine Steamship Co. from New York to Portland, thence via rail to Rockland and Steamer "Sieur de Monts."

Boston & Maine Railroad and Maine Central Railroad to Belfast, thence Steamers "Golden Rod" and "Anna Belle," daily.

Boston & Maine Railroad and Maine Central Railroad to Bangor, thence via the Steamer "Rockland," daily.

Boston & Maine Railroad and Maine Central Railroad to Bucksport, thence by stage or private team, daily.

Steamers for Bar Harbor and all landings on Mt. Desert Island, Bangor, Belfast, Islesboro, Dark Harbor, Rockland, and intermediate landings, daily.

Caution. The above information is issued in advance of summer schedules, and should be confirmed before traveling.
Less than two miles from Castine village, the Mill Pond might easily be mistaken for a charming bit of old English landscape.
Castine

You will like Castine

INTRODUCTION—Designed merely to furnish in convenient form a clear, concise outline of the varied attractions of this quaint old town, this little booklet will have fulfilled its simple mission if it induces the seeker for health and recreation to know at first hand the charming region from which these illustrations have been gathered.

SITUATION.—Castine is a high, rock-bound peninsula, its western slope covered with fir trees. It is situated on the eastern shore of Penobscot Bay, a little more than one hundred miles east of Portland.

ACCESS.—It is reached by through trains from New York and Boston in connection with the Maine Central boat from Rockland. The "Sieur de Monts" makes the trip of twenty-five miles across the Bay from Rockland via Dark Harbor to Castine, in two hours, thus enabling passengers to leave Portland at noon and take supper in Castine. The town has direct connection daily at Belfast with the Eastern Steamship Company's Boston service. A still further connection is maintained with the Maine Central System by the Penobscot River boats to Bucksport and Bangor.

HISTORY.—Owing to its strategic position and accessibility by water, few towns in New England have played a more important part in early Colonial history. Owing to the interest of its citizens in this subject, the early fortifications and batteries have been carefully marked by suitable tablets. The neighboring region is rich in Indian relics, and each summer sees this work systematically extended.
LITERATURE.—A region so rich in natural beauty and tradition has inevitably attracted the attention of classic writers, and Longfellow and Whittier are among the illustrious names of those who have contributed to Castine’s fame in song and story.

THE NORMAL SCHOOL.—For nearly fifty years the Eastern State Normal has trained teachers for schools all over the country. For several years the Association of Principals and Superintendents has met under the auspices of the Normal School at Castine.

PHOTOGRAPHY.—The widest range of subjects for the camera is furnished by the diversity of its scenery by sea and land. Marine views, wooded streams and inland lakes offer attractions equally alluring. Many fine photographs may be traced to this region and each season sees leading periodicals enriched by views from historic Castine.

WATER SUPPLY.—Castine now has a complete modern water system adequate to its requirements for years to come. A constant supply of twenty-five millions of gallons is always available, being made up of a combination of artesian wells and natural springs. Analysis by the state has demonstrated its absolute purity. The health of Castine people has always been proverbial.

SANITATION.—With a maximum elevation of nearly 300 feet and swift tides sweeping the shores on every side, the sewerage system has been simple and efficient from the beginning.
Miles of fir-bordered roads are included in Witherle Park.
On the south is a steep line of cliffs, opposed to the assaults of the open sea.
DRIVES—The Castine roads have long been recognized as among the best of the state. The twelve-mile drive along the Bagaduce and back by the Penobscot is only one of many which may be extended to the neighboring villages of Penobscot, Bluehill, Orland and Bucksport.

AUTOMOBILE TRIPS.—By motor car, Castine is within an easy day’s run from Portland, Poland Springs or Moose Head Lake. These trips offer a choice of routes along the shore or inland via Bangor. No ride offers greater attractions than the thirty-six miles along the Penobscot from Bangor. With the opening of Mount Desert to motors, a round trip from Castine to Bar Harbor and return may be brought to the limits of a century run. This trip may be varied to cover four distinct routes, all of excellent roads. A new modern garage with ample accommodations makes Castine a most desirable touring center.

WALKS.—The Indian Trail through the fir trees along the cliffs to the Lighthouse, past Trask’s Rock and Block House Point, is a favorite walk. Backwoods Mountain and Cape Rosier await the more ambitious explorers.

BOATING, CANOEING, PICNICS.—For the rowboat and canoe, the sheltered waters of Lawrence Bay and Goose Falls offer the charm of endless variety. For sailing, motorboating and deep-sea fishing, Penobscot Bay affords greatest security and delight.

GOLF.—A fine nine-hole golf course, within five minute’s walk from the hotels, is provided on the hill, which affords a view of the Bay on both sides.
TENNIS.—No less than ten courts are available for those who wish to play tennis, all modern and well kept.

BASEBALL.—Fort George on the crest of the hill affords an ideal ground both for players and spectators. For many years the inter-resort baseball games have been features of Castine summer life. The number of college students present each summer from all over the country always insures a high order of sport.

GUN CLUB.—Every opportunity for practice is afforded by the splendid equipment for trap-shooting, of the Castine Gun Club, located at Hatch’s Point.

HOTELS.—Fine hotels, the Acadian, the Castine House, open all the year, the Pentagoet, the Shetola, and numerous first-class boarding houses afford excellent accommodations to all tourists. A request directed to the President of the Board of Trade, Castine, Me., will immediately secure special information, in the form of booklets and circulars, relating to all kinds of accommodations.

SHOPS.—There are shops and markets well stocked to supply all household needs. The telephone service is both efficient and moderate in its charges; it is open night and day. A morning message to Boston will bring an automobile tire on the 6.30 P.M. boat.

CHURCHES.—There are four churches, the Unitarian, Congregational, Methodist and Episcopal with Catholic services each Sunday during the summer season.
Designed by Bulfinch, Architect of the State House, Boston, the Unitarian is the oldest church edifice in Eastern Maine.
Although situated close to the water’s edge, the Bolan Cottage has spacious, attractive grounds.
LIBRARY.—A fine new Library Building containing 5,000 volumes has just been completed and donated to the town by the late George H. Witherle. The books are free to summer visitors.

EMERSON HALL.—For dances, fairs and entertainments the new town hall, donated by a son of Castine, is always available.

COTTAGES.—Scattered over the slopes of Dice's Head, near the lighthouse, is a large number of beautiful summer residences, and many attractive, well-furnished cottages may be had for rent. Ample room is still available for those who desire building sites at moderate cost. The local carpenters and builders are equipped for the demands of the most exacting building construction. New concrete walks have largely replaced the old wooden ones.

CLIMATE.—The prevailing wind over a wide expanse of water insures a cool, delightful climate. The proximity of Castine to the heated land side is a positive insurance against the fogs so prevalent in resorts near the open sea.

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The Castine Board of Trade

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From the islands of Lawrence Bay, many a charming view of village and harbor may be had.
From the hills of Goose Falls may be seen the splendid panorama of the harbor, islands and village.
A brisk half-hour's paddle takes a canoe to Goose Falls.
Despite the motor boat's invasion, graceful yachts are a familiar sight in Castine waters.
Indian Bar is an ideal spot for a picnic and a swim,
Picturesquely located at the north end of the town, Oakum Bay furnishes the choicest material for the artist’s brush.
Sheltered by green fields and wooded pastures, Hatch's Cove resembles an inland lake.
The rock-bound, fir-crowned harbor entrance has its lighthouse set among the trees.
Scores of charming lakes are within an hour’s motor ride of Castine
With a supply of 25,000,000 gallons of pure water stored in its various basins and reservoirs, all under the control of pumps and a modern system, the water problem of Castine has been successfully solved.
Newest of the four churches, the Episcopal, with its gray, vine-covered walls is in entire harmony with its surroundings.
The new Witherle Library houses more than 5,000 carefully selected books.
Fronted by a wide-terraced lawn, the Acadian commands a full view of the Bay.
Surrounded by fir trees, the McClintock Cottage, from the height of land commands a view of the open sea.
Located on the Main Street in the center of the town, the Castine House is open all the year.
Smaller and less pretentious than the other hotels, the Pentagoet, is homelike and attractive.
The Shetola with its affiliated cottages offers excellent accommodations at moderate rates.
Among the many accurately marked points of historical interest, not the least interesting is the old Catholic Mission near Fort Madison, 1648.