



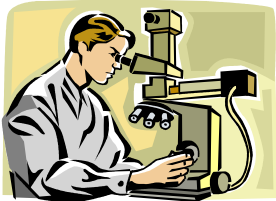
Ideas for a Rainy Day



Just because clouds move in, the fun on Mount Desert Island doesn't have to stop! A foggy, rain-soaked day is as much a part of Acadia as a clear sunny day, so your sense of adventure need not be dampened! Only safety hazards like slippery rocks or gales will force cancellation. A foggy day is a perfect chance to experience one of the many moods of the Maine coast.

Park Loop Road

Some of the greatest sights can be taken in while traveling on the 26-mile road, which will take you through the main sections of Acadia National Park. The Park Loop offers impressive views in all directions. Take a trip to Sand Beach, Thunder Hole, Otter Cliffs, and Jordan Pond; or up to Cadillac's summit. Audio CD's are available at the Visitors Center for a self-guided tour. Please note, you will have to purchase a pass that will be valid for a 7-day stay; it is a requirement that visitors to Acadia National Park have a pass. www.nps.gov/acad



The Jackson Lab

This lab is one of the world's largest centers for genetic research. The Laboratory has a summer visitor program, free to the public, consisting of speaker and multi-media presentations at scheduled days and times. For more information, call (207) 288-6000. Located south of downtown Bar Harbor on Route 3, it is approximately 25 minutes from the resort. <https://www.jax.org/about-us/tour-bar-harbor>

Scenic Drives

Do not overlook the many drives to view the beautiful Maine coast. Don't let the fog and rain take away from your vacation time. The wonderful views take on a whole new perspective when viewed in the mist and rain.

Hulls Cove Visitor Center

Acadia National Park's Hulls Cove Visitor Center is a great place to get information. There you can purchase your entrance pass, speak with a ranger about planning your visit, use self-service maps, enjoy art from our Artist-In-Residence program, and shop at the Park Store.

Seal Cove Auto Museum

At this museum you will find a wide variety of antique automobiles, with special emphasis on rare examples from the "Brass Era" (1895-1917). Many of these cars and motorcycles have been restored to world-class condition while others remain in original, unrestored conditions. This is an interesting step back into history for a rainy afternoon. In 2019, visitors had the opportunity to have a ride in an antique car on Fridays. The museum is open seven days a week. Open May 1 – October 31 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, located on Route 102, in Seal Cove, and by appointment in the off season. Call (207) 244-9242 for more information.

www.sealcoveautomuseum.org



Wendell Gilley Museum

In this museum you will find an exceptional collection of locally carved Maine birds. On various afternoons special exhibits and carving demonstrations are offered by artists-in-residence. Hours vary with the season. This museum is located at the corner of Main Street and Herrick Road here in Southwest Harbor. Call (207) 244-7555 or visit www.wendellgillemuseum.org for admission prices.

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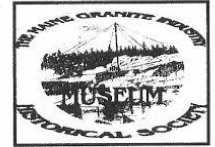


Historical Homes and Museums

There are an unlimited number of historical homes and wonderful museums to visit in Acadia and the surrounding area. This is a perfect idea for the kids or the adults and will get you out of the rain while enjoying yourself. Among the many are Kisma Preserve, Abbe Museum, and the Colonel Black Mansion.

Maine Granite Industry Historical Society

This museum houses hundreds of the tools used by the quarrymen, blacksmiths, stone cutters and stone carvers. On display are over 350 historic photos, company ledgers, books, Union badges, and constitutions. They have the largest collection of books relating to the granite industry and family genealogy writing from the families of the men who worked the quarries. Visit them at 62 Beech Hill Crossroad, Mount Desert Maine Tuesday through Sunday between 10:00 am and 5:00 pm from April 1 to October 31. Their phone numbers are (207) 244-7299 or (207) 244-0175. www.mainegraniteindustry.org



Dorr Museum of Natural History

This museum offers more than sixty exhibits depicting animal and plant life on Mount Desert Island. There is a hands-on discovery room for children. The fees for this museum are by donation. Located in the Turrets Building of the College of the Atlantic in Bar Harbor. The hours are seasonal. Call (207) 288-5395 or visit their website at <https://www.coa.edu/dorr-museum/> for more info.

Brewery Tours

There are two brewing companies that you can visit. *Atlantic Brewing Company*, located just off Route 102 in Town Hill, offers brewery tours seasonally. Stop by, enjoy the brewing process, and browse through the gift shop during normal business hours. For more information call (207) 288-BEER (2337). www.atlanticbrewing.com



Bowling

Families can do candlepin bowling for a string or two or three at D'Amanda's Bowling Lanes. They also have a grill and arcade. They are located at 25 Eastward Ln #6, Ellsworth, ME 04605. Their phone number is (207) 667-9228. View www.damandas.com for hours and information on reservations.

Shopping and Antiquing

There are tourist shops, antique stores, outlet stores, and retail shops throughout the island of Mount Desert and in Ellsworth. You may also browse one of the many antique stores in the area. Enjoy a day of browsing and looking for that perfect souvenir to remind you of your memorable vacation at Harbor Ridge Resort. Don't forget to shop our resort gift shop too—we have great gifts for less!



The Oceanarium

The Oceanarium is located on Route 3 near the head of the island. The Mission of the Oceanarium is to provide educational exhibits and programs for all ages on local ecology, marine biology and research, citizen science, dark skies, fisheries and aquaculture, and STEM education in partnership with Maine schools. View their website, <https://theoceanarium.org/>, for further information and hours.