

Welcome to the Maine Maritime Museum!

- Maine Maritime Museum teaches about Maine's maritime heritage, from the old to the new.
- The Kennebec river is tidal. This means the flow of the river is especially dangerous when the tide is flowing with the current. The tide is so powerful it can cause a backward flow against the current. So please be aware and cautious while standing near the water's edge.
- You don't have to whisper in this museum, but save running for outside.
- We provide many hands-on experiences, but not everything can be touched.
- Parents- let your kids take the lead. Explore what interests them. You may be surprised.

Hours and Tours

Open Daily 9:30 to 5, (Note: historic shipyard closes at 4:30 pm)
Closed: Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

2011 Admission Fees

FREE - MMM members; children under 4
\$12 - Adults
\$11 - Seniors, Students (with ID)
\$9 - Children 4-16
Discounts - AARP, AAA, CAMM members

1 Hour - Great Ships and Lighthouses Cruise, See Bath Iron Works, two lighthouses and abundant wildlife on the Kennebec river.
Members \$20; nonmembers \$24
4 to 16 years \$10
June 18 to Sept. 5 - 12 & 2 daily except only 12 on Thursdays.

Other specialty tours and cruises are available.

Please arrive 30 minutes before departure time. Advanced reservations are highly recommended and available online or by phone.

Ask us about our kids camps and family boat building weekends!

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Family Guide



Follow the treasure map within to uncover some of our favorite family activities at the museum.

Each stop is an opportunity to learn something new in a fun and exciting way, so have a blast!



Start

1 Skipper a Tug Boat

On the right, before entering Galleries, is the pilothouse of a tugboat! Listen to the captain's orders, get into the full gear of a tugboat captain and steer the boat on the open river. Get the feeling of what it was like to be on a tugboat in 1955. Blow the horn and the whistle! The charts are waiting for you to guide the boat!

2 World Trade Map Game

Continue into Galleries to Distant Lands of Palm and Spice exhibit on left. Notice all the artifacts from around the world. Cargo ships created international connections around the globe. Cargo was traded for profit as well as goods from foreign lands.



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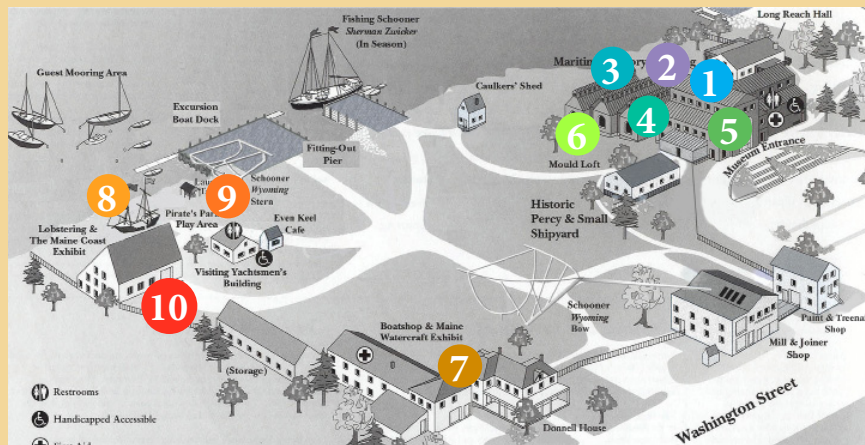
Test your skills at delivering cargo safely to exotic lands, avoiding stormy seas, mutiny, cargo catching fire and more.

3 Working the bars of the capstan!

Walk to the back of the gallery spaces and become a sailor learning the hard labor of a ship's crew.

4 Whittier Theater

Enter the theater in the center of the John G. Morse Jr. Gallery. Pull up a sea chest in the sailor's living quarters, known as the foc'sle, and choose slide shows or videos from the touch screen monitor.



5 See how a steam engine actually works.

Before you head outside, press the green button to start the giant steam engine. Watch the pistons move up and down slowly becoming faster. This engine was once used to educate young engineers at the Maine Maritime Academy.

6 The pitch oven

As you walk outside look to your left and notice the brick pitch oven. Pitch was heated up and transported to wherever it was needed in the shipyard. Local boys would steal small amounts of the sticky sap to chew, not unlike our gum today! See the black pile in front of the oven? You can still see where buckets were spilled beneath your feet a hundred years ago.



7 The Boat Shop

You can see boats being built in the boat shop up the hill. The shop is fully functional and running, and is a great stop to learn about what goes into building a boat.



8 Pirate Play Ship

Walk down the hill to our 50 ft. pirate play ship! Learn how to tie knots and be a pirate sailing away on a treasure hunt. Parents please make sure your little pirates stay safe and do not climb the masts and rigging.

9 Launch a wooden boat!

Walk toward the river past the pirate ship and see our ship launching demonstration. Learn how the giant wooden ships, like the *Wyoming*, made it into the river after being built.

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The Lobster Exhibit

Check out the beginning of lobstering in Maine. Walk through the progression of traps, boats and techniques of lobstering. See how lobsters went from prison food and fertilizer to high end dining in this exciting exhibit.

You did it! We hope you enjoyed the Museum! Come to the giftshop and receive a free gift!

A great trip for the kids is our 1 hour boat cruise! Get the full experience of being on a boat on the open water after learning all about Maine's maritime heritage. (For more information see back panel)