

Explore Blue Hill Village

1. Blue Hill Public Library

Located at **5 Parker Point Rd, Blue Hill, ME, 04614**

Known for **Public Service**

Blue Hill Public Library Located at 5 Parker Point Rd, Blue Hill, ME, 04614 Neat and tidy, organized, friendly library with finely-sorted collection of books, movies, audio books, magazines, children and Maine sections that hosts many events year round: book discussions, writing groups, movies, storytime, playtime group for children, lectures, author series, chess....a delightful place to visit. The library's online newsletter hosts an active calendar of events!

2. Holt House

Located at **3 Water Street, Blue Hill, ME, 04614**

Known for **Museum**

Visit the historic Holt House at 3 Water Street in downtown Blue Hill. Open July 6 to September 14, Tuesdays & Fridays 1 - 4 pm, as well as Saturdays 11 am to 2 pm. Free. The Holt House was built in 1815 by Jeremiah Thorndike Holt, grandson of Nicholas Holt who brought Blue Hill's fifth family from Andover, Massachusetts in 1765. Jeremiah was one of the first to locate at the head of the bay, in what is now the center of Blue Hill village. He was an influential businessman who kept a store, engaged in shipping, and became the town's second postmaster. After Jeremiah died in 1832, his widow turned the house into the town's only inn and tavern. In 1851 their son, Thomas Jefferson Napoleon Bonaparte Holt and his family occupied the house. It stayed in the family for over a hundred years. The Blue Hill Historical Society bought the Holt House and made it their headquarters in 1970. The Holt House contains period furniture and clothing, photographs, town records, and memorabilia from the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries. Of special interest is the Children's Room, containing toys, clothing, dolls and games. In addition, old tools, a sleigh, carriages and wagons are on display in the Carriage House.

3. Blue Hill Town Park

Located at **Water St, Blue Hill, ME, 04614**

Known for **Park**

The Blue Hill Town Park, located at the end of Water Street in Blue Hill village is where the Flash in the Pan steel band plays most Monday evenings during July and August that you can hear at the Bungalow. (During 2016, they'll play Monday evenings July 4,

July 11, July 25, August 1, August 15 & August 29, 2016 from 7:30 pm to 9 pm. It's a street dance. Young kids from the local George Stevens Academy in town descend onto the dance floor in hoards; it's really fun!) The Blue Hill Town Park is also the local swimming beach... You can see the park's big swimming rock from the Bungalow that inspired Robert McCloskey's children book 'Time of Wonder.' (There's a copy in the Bungalow.) The Blue Hill Town Park also has a children's playground with swings and seesaws, etc. And if you look carefully, you'll find granite markers that mark the north, south, east and westerly directions....

4. MERI - Marine Environmental Research Institute

Located at [55 Main Street, Blue Hill, ME, 04614](#)

Known for [Aquariums & Zoos](#)

Welcome to MERI in downtown Blue Hill Maine, Maine's Environmental Research Institute in Downeast Maine, located at 55 Main Street in Blue Hill. At MERI you'll find extensive information on Maine's oceanographic environment. You will be able to go into the ocean room and touch sea-life and on certain days enjoy children's story book hour and eco cruises. For adults, be sure to come to scheduled expert lectures & receptions. You will be amazed at the research and information that you will receive at MERI. Please consult their website for details: meriresearch.org This is a great place to take young children.

5. The Westcott Forge

Located at [58 Main St, Blue Hill, ME, 04614](#)

Known for [Point of Interest](#)

The "Westcott Forge," located at 58 Main Street in downtown Blue Hill is an historic building, built in the 1880s. It is located on the Mill Stream on Main Street. It was bought by Charles Wescott in 1910. His blacksmith shop was a Blue Hill landmark for around 50 years until his death in 1959. The building has housed a restaurant since 1978....

6. Steamboat Wharf Road

Located at [Steamboat Wharf Rd, Blue Hill, ME, 04614](#)

Known for [Point of Interest](#)

Steamboat Wharf Road in Blue Hill is where the steamships used to arrive from Boston on their weekly scheduled trips to bring mail and passengers to Blue Hill. At the time, there was a three story hotel, called the Blue Hill Inn, on Tenney Hill, built by George Stover in 1892 that met the passengers on the wharf and drove them by buckboard to the hotel.. William R. Emerson, a proponent of the "Shingle Style", was the architect. There were 34 bedrooms. It had electric lights 22 years before electric power reached

the town of Blue Hill. Steamboats were met by carriages from the hotel. Available activities included tennis, buckboard rides to Caterpillar Hill and Castine, sailing parties in Blue Hill Bay and dancing in the evening to the hotel's own orchestra. The property went through a series of owners and finally closed after the season of 1924. It burned to the ground on May, 19, 1933. After the steamships disgorged passengers on Steamboat Wharf, it would continue on to Bar Harbor. My grandmother remembers a doctor arriving by steamship from Bar Harbor to pay a house call. He took a "buckboard" (horse and cart) from Steamboat Wharf into the village.

7. Blue Hill Farmers' Market

Located at [233 Ellsworth Road, Blue Hill, ME, 04614](#)

Known for [Grocery Store](#)

The Blue Hill Farmers' Market is located in the Blue Hill Fair Grounds at 233 Ellsworth Road in Blue Hill on Saturday morning from 9 a.m. –11:30 p.m. and on Wednesday afternoons at the Congregational Church on Tenney Hill (Main Street, Blue Hill) from 3 p.m.–5 p.m.

8. Blue Hill Fairgrounds

Located at [233 Ellsworth Rd, Blue Hill, ME, 04614](#)

Known for [ml.gb.tag.Everything Else Entertainment](#)

The Blue Hill Fair is a true "Down to Earth" Country Fair. Annually scheduled around Labor Day weekend, the fair will run from September 1-5, 2016 this year and boasts some of the finest entertainment, attractions, and exhibits. Situated in the small coastal town of Blue Hill, Maine, at 233 Ellsworth Road, the Fair draws thousands from all over the state to enjoy a fun-filled weekend. Highlights include: Stunt dog extravaganzas, horse pulls, 4H sheep, a busy midway stage with jazz, country and jug bands nightly, often on several stages, Oxen pulls, llama demonstrations, a beef recipe cookoff, a wild blueberry pancake breakfast, Wilbur's 5H road race (would that be Wilbur, the pig, a pig race, inspired by local resident EB White's Charlotte's Webb story? Probably!) - stand up comedians - sheep dog trials, Mammoth Aerial Fireworks display (which you will see from the Bungalow) - herdsman livestock show - Demolition Derby - and a dairy goat show They also have Vegetable, Fruit, and Flower Displays, as well as Home Arts and Crafts, Fast food, and lots of rides like the Ferris Wheel with Dollar Day.... Come out and enjoy!

9. Blue Hill Mountain Trail

Located at **Blue Hill Mountain Trail, Blue Hill, ME, 04614**

Known for **Park**

Blue Hill Mountain Trail Located at Mountain Road, Blue Hill, ME, 04614 Stunning Views The top of Blue Hill Mountain offers stunning views of Blue Hill Bay, Mount Desert, and Islands. Bring buckets for blueberries! Blue Hill Mountain inspired Robert McCloskey's children's story, "Blueberries for Sal." Please carry a stone to the top so that the hill grows into a mountain. There used to be a fire tower at top (and a "camp," a hut, for the fireman to live in), because in 1948, the whole of Mount Desert burned to the ground and there was no way for anybody to get off the peninsula.... It was devastating. The town of Ellsworth also burned to the ground once.... The watch tower is not needed nowadays, because modern technology has replaced the task.... During the 1960s when the fire man was in the tower at the top, people used to climb the 8 flights of stairs to visit him, and they would write their names in the guest book. Those guest books are still in the Blue Hill Historical Society's office today, where old timers can find their names. There are several trails to the top of Blue Hill Mountain, some short and steep, others "longer" but more gradual... By longer, I mean 45 minutes... By short, I mean 20 minutes....and steep! But what a view! Pick blueberries along the way. To get to the trail from the Bungalow, turn right onto Route 15 North in front of the library; in 200 yards, turn left up Pleasant Street, which is also Route 15 North; after 1 mile, turn Right onto Mountain Road... Follow for 1/2 mile.... Soon you'll see some parked cars along the road which is the trail head for the longer trail to the top, but we don't stop there... We carry on further to the actual parking lot at the top of the hill on the right....it's a dirt parking lot in a field....to pick up the short but steep Hayes Trail to the top of Blue Hill that takes 20 minutes. The path starts in a beautiful, big meadow.... You can also walk to the "longer" trail head from the village. Park on the street near the Post Office, walk to the back of the Post Office, find the rock stairs between EBS (hardware store next door) and the post office and pick up the trail. It's a flat, well-worn trail through apple trees and oaks that takes 20 minutes to get to Mountain Road.... Turn Right if you prefer to take the short steep Hayes Trail to the top of the mountain.

10. Kneisel Hall Music Chamber

Located at **137 Pleasant St, Blue Hill, ME, 04614**

Known for **Symphony Hall**

Kneisel Hall, located at 137 Pleasant Street in the coastal village of Blue Hill, Maine, is an intensive chamber music school and music festival, providing musicians and music lovers with the opportunity to immerse themselves in the chamber repertoire for over 100 years. They hold chamber music concerts throughout the summer at 137 Pleasant

Stret, but one of the things the Kneisel Hall musicians are known for is their children's concerts, which they hold at the Blue Hill Public Library, 5 Parker Point Road, from 4:30 to 5:30 pm throughout the summer.... Watch for announcements on the Library's bulletin board outside, or consult their website kneisel.org for a schedule of events. These children's concerts are precious and very educational and entertaining for very young children, who are as cute as can be, while they learn a lot about music.

11. George Stevens Academy

Located at [23 Union St, Blue Hill, ME, 04614](#)

Known for [ml.gb.tag.Everything Else Entertainment](#)

Blue Hill Pops 4th of July Annual Concert Located in the George Stevens Academy Gymnasium Do not miss the Blue Hill Pops Fourth of July Concert. The sit-down dinner event or "soiree" features great singers, and lots of patriotic sentiment. The 2016 4th of July Pops Concert will be held on Sunday July 3rd at 7:30 pm, sponsored by the Bagaduce Music Lending Library, featuring local resident Noel (Paul) Stookey of Peter, Paul and Mary fame.... Call 207-374-5454 to reserve your table or seat now.... Go to [www.bagaducemusic.org / events](http://www.bagaducemusic.org/events) for information. Flash in the Pan steel band orchestra will also be playing the event, as will as fiddler extraordinaire Andy Stein.... Best of all, the Blue Hill Pops will conclude with a patriotic finale featuring an audience sing-along of our nation's service songs and "America the Beautiful". Tickets start at \$15.... It is a dinner event, but you can buy tickets to join after dinner for just the music part. I personally enjoy this event immensely. The singers are really good and they stand there right in front of you hitting every note! It's beautiful!

12. Jonathan Fisher House

Located at [44 Mines Rd, Blue Hill, ME, 04614](#)

Known for [Museum](#)

Jonathan Fisher House Located at 44 Mines Rd, Blue Hill, ME, 04614 5 minutes from the Bungalow, The Johnathan Fisher House or Homestead is an 1814 historic house museum. Jonathan Fisher (1768-1847) was the first settled Congregational minister of the small village of Blue Hill, Maine. Fisher was also an artist, farmer, scientist, mathematician, surveyor, and writer of prose and poetry. Today, at the charming homestead he designed in 1814 for his growing family, you may see the life's work of this 'Versatile Yankee'. The house contains remarkable survivals from the Fisher era, including: Remarkable art work, including paintings, drawings, watercolors, and woodblock prints Furniture he made for his family and others An extensive library

Remarkable home-made 'alarm clock, with its beautiful dial telling of time in five languages Superb homemade surveying tools A rare camera obscura that he made to aid him in drawing Outside, a recreation of his 1820 orchard is in progress, using Fisher's original plans, including a surviving 200 year old pear tree. Open to the Public early July through mid October Thursdays through Saturdays from 1 to 4 pm. Free.

13. Halcyon grange

Located at [1157 Pleasant St, Blue Hill, ME](#)

Known for [Everything Else](#), [Secret Spots](#)

Halcyon grange Located at 1157 Pleasant St, Blue Hill, ME Back in the day when farmers in the country were being squeezed out by high railroad transport prices, farmers in rural communities built Grange Halls all over the north United States where they could have meetings about what they were going to do to find alternative markets for their farm produce. Maine had many of them, and Halcyon Grange, located at 1157 Pleasant Street in Blue Hill is still going strong....in its own way. It's a great place to learn how to square dance (in preparation for the country dances held during summer in the town hall in Blue Hill, and to hob nob with locals at a pig roast, or to listen to country music, or to join with other children for visits to farm day, or to eat a baked bean dinner with others while listening to the Loose Canon Jug Band, or to enjoy a harvest dinner., followed by homemade pie... Keep your eyes open for upcoming events, as posted in front of the Grange on Bucksport Road, Route 15, and know about them and attend them. You'll be glad you did! Upcoming Events at Halcyon Grange in 2016 Jazz & Dessert with Scott Cleveland: Friday, June 24th, 2016 7 p.m. Join us for an evening of fantastic music with a consummate performer –but don't forget the dessert (made by Grange members just for you). \$10 adult admission/\$3 per dessert. Family Farm Festival: Sunday, July 17th, 11-3. Join us for a real family day with animals, lots of kid's activities, music by Jay Peterson, local summer food, a Deviled-Egg Contest, and a great time with family and friends! \$8 adults/\$4 kids. Scottish Country Dance Class: Weds., August 3rd, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. beginners and individuals also welcome. Dawn & Mike Little, instructors – 348-9308 - (EVERY WEDNESDAY throughout the summer) Scottish Country Dance Classes are each Wednesday from 6:30-8:30 (watch our calendar for any scheduling changes) and are help year-round. All ages; no partner needed to attend; beginners welcome. Baked Bean Supper & Music with The Loose Canon Jug Band: Saturday, August 20th, 5 p.m. \$8 adults/\$4 kids And more....throughout the fall.... These functions are not touristy at all.

Miscellaneous

Tradewinds Marketplace

Located at [15 South Street, Blue Hill, ME, 04614](#)

Known for [Grocery Store](#)

Tradewinds Marketplace Located at 15 South Street, Blue Hill, ME, 04614 Mainstream Grocery Store Hours: 6:30 am to 9 pm Monday through Saturday - 8 am to 9 pm Sundays. Filling Station out front, dog wash, free car vacuums, car wash, (boycott their Dunkin Donuts, please - we don't want fast food establishments on South Street in Blue Hill) - otherwise great store....

Blue Hill Co-op Community Market & Café

Located at [4 Ellsworth Road, Blue Hill, ME, 04614](#)

Known for [Grocery Store](#)

Blue Hill Co-op Community Market & Café, 4 Ellsworth Road, Blue Hill, ME, 04614 Grocery Store This is your place for locally grown, fresh organic fruits, vegetables, artisan breads, and meats. 7 am to 7 pm / 7 days a week.

Merrill & Hinckley

Located at [11 Union St, Blue Hill, ME, 04614](#)

Known for [Convenience Store](#)

Merrill & Hinckley has been the town's general store since forever, but it is also a full-service supermarket. When Tradewinds burned down a few years ago, Merrill & Hinckley did yeoman's service! Great place to buy milk, meat, and vegetables when you're not in the mood to stand in a long line. Movie rentals. Liquor. Beer. Fishing rods. Guns. Dare I say, "Wedding dresses?"

The Boatyard Grill

Located at [13 East Blue Hill Road, Blue Hill, ME, 04614](#)

Known for [Restaurant](#)

The Boatyard Grill is a great place to eat lobster, Located at 13 East Blue Hill Road, in Blue Hill. The Boatyard Grill is located on the grounds of the Weber Cove boat yard, at 13 East Blue Hill Road in downtown Blue Hill. It doesn't open until late June, because they have to move boats to make room for the restaurant to function! A great place to eat lobster, after dinner guests join the communal campfire and have drinks together. 2016 hours are: Thursday through Monday for lunch and dinner beginning at 12 noon.

"We are closed Tuesday and Wednesday which means you can enjoy one of the other great establishments in the area! See you after June 23rd" Anneliese

Blue Hill Wine Shop

Located at [138 Main Street, Blue Hill, ME, 04614](#)

Known for [ml.gb.tag.Everything Else Essentials](#)

Blue Hill Wine Shop, located at 138 Main Street in Blue Hill, sells a large variety of imported and California wine and also sells fresh local artisan bread made by Tinder Hearth in Brooksville, also a brick oven pizza place.... Their svelt bread is particularly good. From Maine Magazine: "Max's Blue Hill Wine Shop is where everyone goes for wine, fine cheese, loose teas, tobacco, Tinder Hearth bread, and Max's unvarnished opinions on just about everything. The recently added cafe means you don't have to leave once your questions are answered. "

Blue Hill Laundry

Located at [11 Ellsworth Rd, Blue Hill, ME, 04614](#)

Known for [Dry Cleaning & Laundry](#)

11 Ellsworth Road, Blue Hill - downtown Blue Hill....5 minutes from Bungalow, which has limited septic...

The Activity Shop

Located at [139 Mines Rd, Blue Hill, ME, 04614](#)

Known for [Sports & Recreation](#)

The Activity Shop Located at 139 Mines Rd, Blue Hill, ME, 04614 Sports & Recreation rents kayaks, canoes, paddle boards and bicycles by the week, day or month. All rentals include paddle(s) and life jacket(s) and free delivery. Now located at: 139 Mines Road, Blue Hill, Maine Phone: 207-374-3600