

# Things to do for FREE in Eastport, Maine



## National Historic Waterfront District

Take a stroll through the historic district of Eastport. From the United States post office at the corner of Water and Washington Streets to the Library is an easy walk. Historic buildings featuring interesting architecture dating back to the 1800s offer a contrast to the natural beauty of the waterfront. On a foggy day listen for the sounds of the foghorns warning mariners of the rocky shore.

## Peavey Memorial Library

26 Water Street. Romanesque Revival structure built in 1893. Permanent art collection. Public access computers and WiFi. Local interest books, best-sellers, contemporary and classic literature, children's books, videos and music CDs, genealogy and history section. Regular and special programs throughout the year. (207) 853-4021.

## Tides Institute & Museum of Art

43 Water Street. The Tides Institute and Museum of Art builds and exhibits cultural collections, creates new cultural works, and strengthens cultural ties within the greater Passamaquoddy region, between New England and the Atlantic Provinces and to the wider world.

## Eastport Sunrise

The sun rises over Campobello Island, Canada, and shines upon Eastport early. Get up early...really early and look to the east. The Breakwater, Shackford Head, the Fish Pier are all great spots to see the wonders of a downeast sunrise. Beautiful colors, the sounds of birds, the smells of the bay add to the joy of being in a peaceful and delightful place early in the morning.

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## Fish Pier

Just behind the Fisherman Statue and South of the Breakwater is the Fishing Pier. Check out the tugboats *Ahoskie* and *Pleon*.

## Fisherman Statue

Downtown Eastport. The Fisherman Statue was erected as part of a TV reality series, *Murder in Small Town X*, which was filmed in Eastport. The winner, Angel Juarbe, a NYC Firefighter, perished at the World Trade Center on 9/11. The movie prop was restored in 2005 and it is a great spot for a photo.



## Seaside Walk

Take a seaside stroll from the Winnie B. French Garden all the way to the WACO Diner. Enjoy beautiful views of the water and the Canadian islands.

## Quoddy Maritime Museum

Water Street at the Boynton Street corner. Collections contain historic maps of the area, notebooks of information and photos and a 14' X 15' working model of the proposed 1930s Quoddy Dam. Next door, Quoddy Crafts features the work of 20 local crafters and other non-profits. An information corner is maintained to help answer visitor inquiries.

## Fort Sullivan Powder House

End of McKinley Street behind the Shead High School on High Street. Fort Sullivan was built in 1808 to defend Eastport. In 1814 during the War of 1812, British troops took over and ruled until 1818. The remains of a stone powder house are located at this site.

## Eastport Barracks Museum

Washington Street. This building was part of the officers' barracks for Fort Sullivan during the early 1800s. It was moved in 1977 to its present location and houses collections and displays of Eastport's past, including the waterfront, military history, schools, lodges, fire department and genealogy information. Open May to September.



## Clark's Head Ledge

East end of Clark Street off Water Street. There is a picnic table where you can sit and enjoy the views of Deer Island and Campobello and observe sea birds, porpoises, eagles and the quiet beauty of the Passamaquoddy Bay. From here you can see the piglets; and if the tide is right, you may get a glimpse of The Old Sow. The whirlpool is a natural feature of the bay and the second largest whirlpool in the world.



### **Eastport Breakwater**

Located just off Water Street. The vessels inside the breakwater are a mix of commercial fishing or working craft and personal boats. The US Coast Guard Station operates from the Breakwater. It's a good spot to fish, look for birds or maybe spot a whale or watch schooners under sail. From here you can sit and watch the tide come and go. It moves fast, about a foot every 15 minutes. The vertical rise and fall is readily visible along the shore and against the walls of the Breakwater.

### **Winnie B. French Garden**

Located on the north side of the *Quoddy Tides* newspaper office at Water Street. This garden was started by Winnie B. French. It is now maintained by the Eastport Garden Club. A granite bench offers a shady spot to take a break and admire the flowers and the beautiful Passamaquoddy Bay.



### **Eastport City Area**

Take Drummond Road to dead end; bear right to park. Grassy area with a view of the water or mudflats depending on the tides, which rise and fall about a foot every 15 minutes.

### **Raye's Mustard Mill and Museum**

83 Washington Street. The last traditional stone-ground mustard mill in America, family owned and operated at the same location since 1903. It is a working historic museum. Offers visitors an opportunity to see how mustard is made using 1800s technology, Maine grown seeds and large grindstones. Free tasting of all the mustard flavors.

### **Shackford Head State Park**

From County Road take Deep Cove Road near Washington Street. Look for sign on left. Park offers hiking trails and views of the Canadian Islands of Campobello and Grand Manan and Lubec, Maine. See salmon cages and Eastport Cargo Pier; visit beaches, coves; see eagles, seals and maybe a whale. Trails leave from the parking lot. Good spot for bird watching.



### **Out Island Garden**

Located on Route 190 as you approach Eastport on the right-hand side of the road. Offering a place to park and enjoy the view across Carrying Place Cove when the tide flows and the mudflats when it ebbs. The gardens are maintained by the Eastport Garden Club.

### **Sunset**

Enjoy an Eastport sunset. The Out Island Garden, Eastport City Park or Shackford Head are good spots to see the sunset over the water. Look toward the western sky.

### **Letterboxing**

There are a few letterboxes scattered around the Island. Go to <http://letterboxing.org> to find information.

### ***Visit Eastport!***



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