

Kennebunk Area



Location

Kennebunk is located on the southern Maine seacoast, about 1/2 hour from Portland, Maine, and Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and 1 1/2 hours north of Boston. The area has been a popular summer tourist destination for over a century and increasingly popular throughout the fall and into the Christmas season. The neighboring towns of Kennebunkport, Wells, and Ogunquit are also tourist destinations.

Demographics

Kennebunk has a year-round population of about 8,000 people. It is mostly white, with few minorities. Economically, the population is heterogeneous, though mostly middle class and with many retirees. Gays and lesbians are comfortable and can feel welcome in our community.

Education

Kennebunk, Arundel, and Kennebunkport have a combined school district that is one of the best in the state. There are four elementary schools, one middle school and one high school. Local colleges include University of Southern Maine in Portland, University of New England in Biddeford, Maine College of Art in Portland, and University of New Hampshire in Durham, N.H. It is not unusual for people to commute to Boston for classes. Bangor Theological Seminary is 2 1/2 hours away in Bangor, Maine but has a satellite campus in Portland.

Business



Kennebunk has a compact and attractive downtown area with many shops and local conveniences. There is significant light manufacturing in the area, but much of the activity is centered around the tourist industry. Many people commute to Portland or Portsmouth, and some even to the Boston area. Train service is available from Boston to Brunswick, Maine, stopping in nearby Wells allowing fast and easy travel to downtown Boston. Fishing, especially lobstering, is still a major industry in the area.



Recreational Activities

Because Kennebunk is located on the beautiful coast of Maine, there are ready opportunities for boating and swimming. Sandy beaches are beautiful for walking year round and downhill skiing is available within a two-hour drive. Winter is snowy and at least one parishioner cross-country skis to church whenever he gets the chance. There are many hiking trails both in the immediate area and the nearby mountains. The Eastern Trail, a major bike route spanning the east coast of the US cuts right through town. Nearby wildlife refuges provide ample opportunities for bird and wildlife watching. Fishing and hunting are very popular seasonal pastimes.

Cultural Activities

Maine has a vibrant arts community. There are many local art galleries, and concerts, plays, and musicals are given throughout the year. Both Portland, with its world-class performance auditorium, and Portsmouth have well developed performing arts series, and Portland has an excellent art museum, often hosting exhibits of national importance.



Medical

There are several hospitals within easy driving distance of Kennebunk: Southern Maine Medical Center (Biddeford), Maine Medical Center (Portland), Mercy Hospital (Portland), Goodall Hospital (Sanford), and York Hospital (York). And Boston, only 1 1/2 hours away, offers some of the best medical care in the country. There are several assisted living communities in Kennebunk.

Climate



The weather here is variable with a capital V. Summers are generally warm, but we can have hot spells (90s). Fall is truly beautiful--cool crisp, and clear--with a foliage display that will rival anyone's. Winter can vary from mild to quite cold but is always moderated by our being close to the coast. You can have three feet of snow on your lawn in March or none! Spring is eagerly awaited and always surprises us with unpredictable arrival times.



Kennebunk Community Websites

Town of Kennebunk

<http://www.kennebunkmaine.us/>

Town of Kennebunkport

<http://www.kennebunkportme.gov>

Town of Arundel

<http://www.arundelmaine.org/>

Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Arundel Chamber of Commerce

<http://www.visitthekennebunks.com/>

Kennebunk - Kennebunkport Office of Tourism

<http://www.visitmaine.com/region/beaches/kennebunkport/>

Local Newspapers and Television Stations:

Portland Press Herald

<http://www.pressherald.com/>

York County Star

<http://www.seacoastonline.com/>

Biddeford Journal Tribune

<http://www.journaltribune.com/>

Kennebunk Post

<http://post.mainelymediallc.com/>

Channel 6 - NBC

<http://www.wcsh6.com/>

Channel 13 - CBS

<http://www.wgme.com/>

Channel 8 - ABC

<http://www.wmtw.com/>