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## SWEETHEART DEALS

Kennebunks take a month to radiate love in restaurants, shops, hotels, inns

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**K**ENNEBUNKPORT — If you and your lovebird missed your chance to fly away on Valentine's Day, you may still want to wing it up north.

Kennebunkport and neighboring towns Kennebunk and Arundel are letting their love lights shine with "Paint the Town Red," a monthlong celebration of love aimed at showcasing the romance of the area collectively known as The Kennebunks.

Many shops, galleries, boutiques, and restaurants offer travelers red tag deals and red plate specials this month, while many lodges offer travel packages for lovers.

And then, of course, there's the area's natural romance. Snowshoe through the nature reserve, skate on frozen ponds, search for frosted seaglass on Kennebunk Beach, or take a horse-drawn sleigh ride through the whitened woods of Maine.

Here are a few highlights for you and your honey.

### SWEET EATS

Brunch is somehow the most romantic meal. **The Wayfarer** serves up classic brunch fare with a Maine twist, such as eggs Benedict with lobster, or buttermilk pancakes with Maine maple syrup, fresh berries, and whipped cream. 2 Pier Road, Kennebunkport. 207-967-8961, [wayfarercapeporpoise.com](http://wayfarercapeporpoise.com)

Sweet tooth, or should we say teeth? Take your sweetie to the cafe **Mornings in Paris** for a Nutella latte with French-style macarons, creme brûlée cappuccino with chocolate croissant, or blueberry iced coffee and cake by the slice. 21 Western Ave., Kennebunk. 207-204-0032, [morningsinparis.com](http://morningsinparis.com)

As for lunch and dinner, plenty of restaurants are offering red plate specials in the spirit of the month. For example, **Ocean** — an oceanfront restaurant with views and an upscale surf and turf menu — offers a half-dozen oysters with blood orange cosmopolitans for two for \$20. 208 Ocean Ave., Kennebunkport. 855-346-5700, [www.capearundelinn.com/dining](http://www.capearundelinn.com/dining)

In the mood for Italian? Head to **Abbondante Trattoria & Bar** for garlic monkey bread, wood-fired lobster pizza, or to split the spaghetti, "Lady and the Tramp" style. 27 Western Ave., Kennebunk. 207-967-2211, [abbondanteme.com](http://abbondanteme.com)

Fare at **David's KPT** includes duck sliders, slow-cooked vanilla bean and brown butter salmon, and open-faced lobster ravioli. Lovers, pop a bottle of Moët et Chandon Imperial for \$50 this month. Plus special "date night" menus on

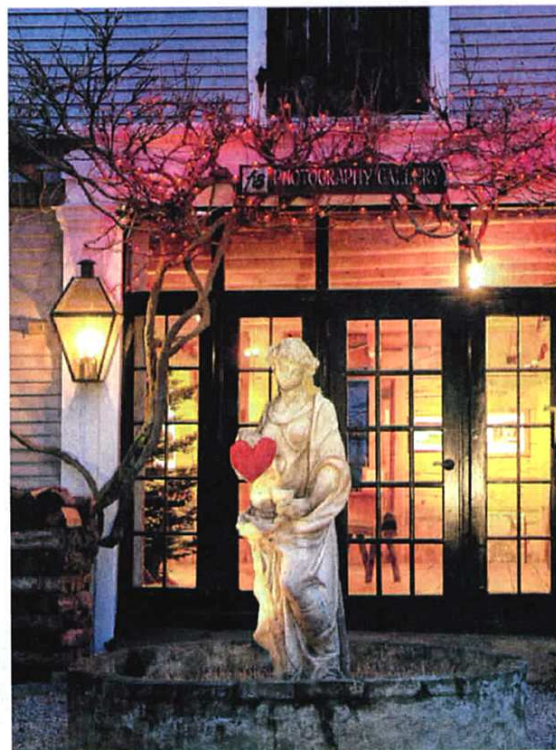
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Tuna poke, a raw salad at David's KPT in Kennebunkport.



A sled full of children ready to slide in Kennebunkport.



Outside F-8 gallery on Spring Street in Kennebunkport.

# Local red hearts are glowing 'welcome'

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Tuesdays. 21 Ocean Ave., Kennebunkport. 207-967-8225, [boathouseme.com/dining](http://boathouseme.com/dining)

**50 Local** sources its food from local farms and fisheries and has concocted such festive love potions as the "Romeo and Juliet" and "The Hop, Skip, and Go Naked." 50 Main St., Kennebunk. 207-985-0850, [localkennebunk.com](http://localkennebunk.com)

**Owen's Farmhouse** serves salads, panini, and wood-fired pizzas with ingredients mainly from Maine's farms. Whimsical pie names include Ewe & I and Frinklepod. 17 Main St., Kennebunk. 207-985-0870, [owensfarmhouse.com](http://owensfarmhouse.com)

## SHOPS AND GALLERIES

Dock Square, the heart of downtown Kennebunkport, is a hub of shops, boutiques, art galleries, and restaurants. There are dozens of red tag specials, so you may want to pick up a Book of Love guide and map at any of the participating businesses.

This month, the center's shopfronts are alight with strings of red lights and festive decorations. And in the town center stands an 8-foot-tall decorated wooden heart.

Whether you're looking to pop the big question or just thinking about it, check out **Coastal Jewelers**, specializing in the official state gemstone, tourmaline, a pink or green gemstone mined here. 28 Dock Square, Kennebunkport. 207-967-0100, [coastaljewelers.com](http://coastaljewelers.com)

Think Baggu totes, herringbone throws, retro sunglasses, and custom-made croquet kits and you've got **The Daytrip Society**. For hip couples with wanderlust. 4 Dock Square, Kennebunkport. 207-967-4440, [daytripsociety.com](http://daytripsociety.com)

**Compliments Gallery** offers handmade gifts and high-end jewelry created by local artisans. Corner of Dock Square and Ocean Avenue, Kennebunkport. 800-248-2269, [complimentsgallery.com](http://complimentsgallery.com)

Building your love nest? **Twigs** sells chic home decor from screen-craft marble coasters to windchimes. 8 Western Ave., Kennebunk. 207-967-1173, [twigskennebunkmaine.com](http://twigskennebunkmaine.com)

Relax with a couple's massage at **Cottage Breeze Day Spa & Boutique**. 31 Western Ave.,



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Kennebunk. 207-967-2259, [cotagebreeze.com](http://cotagebreeze.com)

Fido the love your life? Head to **Scalawags**, a pet boutique. 3 Dock Square, Kennebunkport. 207-967-2775, [scalawagsonline.com](http://scalawagsonline.com)

## DATE NIGHT (AND DAY)

Go into the wild at **Wells Reserve** in nearby Wells to hike, cross-country ski, or snowshoe miles of woodland trails. The reserve protects acres of salt marsh, wetland, beach, dune, forest, and field. You may want to hit up Snow Day at Wells Reserve on Feb. 28 for a 3-mile snowshoe race, 100-meter and 200-meter snowshoe sprints, snowman building, sledding, hot cocoa, and a bonfire. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. 342 Laudholm Farm Road, Wells. 207-646-1555, [wellsreserve.org](http://wellsreserve.org)

Imbibe together on a brewery tour and beer tasting at **Kennebunkport Brewing Co.** Feb. 28, 4 p.m. \$10 per person. Includes light snacks. 8 Western Ave., Kennebunk. 207-967-4322, [federaljacks.com](http://federaljacks.com)

Brave the weather for a romantic walk on **Kennebunk Beach** or ice skate on **Rogers Pond** (49 Water St., Kennebunk) or at the rink at **Waterhouse Center** (51 Main St., Kennebunk).

For romance, it's hard to top a ride in a horse-drawn sleigh through snowy woods. Book at Rocking Horse Stables. 245 Arundel Road, Kennebunkport. 207-967-4288, [rockinhorsemaine.com](http://rockinhorsemaine.com)

Stroll through **The Galleries at Morning Walk**, a collection of local artisan galleries. 2 Morning Walk Lane, Kennebunk. 207-650-2876.

## LOVE NESTS

Because the area is a tourist hot spot in summer, inns and hotels abound. Many offer romance packages this month — most are variations of a two-night stay with dinner, complimentary wine or champagne, and sweets. Some even offer extras like rose petals on your bed at turn down. Costs vary, so scout what works for your wallet.

**Compliments Gallery** in Kennebunkport offers handmade, high-end, and by local artisans.

**The Kennebunkport Inn** in the heart of the village's Dock Square offers lobster dinner as part of its "Five Shades of Red" package. One Dock Square, Kennebunkport. 800-248-2621, [kennebunkportinn.com](http://kennebunkportinn.com). The nearby **Grand Hotel**, a boutique hotel with onsite art gallery, offers a similar deal. 1 Chase Hill Road, Kennebunk. 877-455-1501, [thegrandhotelmaine.com](http://thegrandhotelmaine.com)

**The Boathouse Waterfront Hotel** isn't your father's Maine inn. Amenities include AppleTV, Keurig coffeemakers, Turkish bath linens, and iPod docking stations. 21 Ocean Ave., Kennebunkport. 877-266-1304, [boathouseme.com](http://boathouseme.com)

Indulge in complementary chocolate-covered strawberries hearthside at the oceanfront

**Cape Arundel Inn & Resort**, 208 Ocean Ave., Kennebunkport. 855-346-5700, [capearundelinn.com](http://capearundelinn.com)

At **Maine Stay Inn and Cottages**, you can choose your very own cottage with fireplace and jacuzzi. 34 Maine St., Kennebunkport. 207-967-2117, 800-950-2117, [mainestayinn.com](http://mainestayinn.com)

**The 1802 House Bed & Breakfast Inn** includes in its deal a three-course breakfast and \$25 off a spa treatment. Prices from \$398 per couple. 15 Locke St., Kennebunkport. 207-967-5632, [1802house.com](http://1802house.com)

Treat yourself at **The White Barn Inn**, a luxury hotel that boasts an onsite Forbes 5-star restaurant, butler-drawn baths, spa, yoga classes, and more.

37 Beach Ave., Kennebunk Beach. 207-967-2321, [whitebarninn.com](http://whitebarninn.com)

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