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KENNEBUNKPORT



For In-Season

IT'S ALL HANDS ON DECK DURING THE ACTIVE SUMMER SEASON IN TINY, TONY KENNEBUNKPORT, WHERE SEAFARERS AND LANDLUBBERS ALIKE WILL FIND A BOATLOAD OF WARM-WEATHER OPTIONS.

1. Schooner Eleanor or Pineapple Ketch Chill out on the water, preferably on a sailboat. The *Eleanor* begins a two-hour trip navigating down the Kennebunk River to the open ocean, where it shuts down the motor and sets sail along the rocky coastline. pineappleketch.com

2. Coastal Maine Kayak A registered Maine guide brings the kayaks or stand-up paddleboards along with expertise and lessons. Dip a paddle in the waters off Cape Porpoise and explore the cluster of islands. coastalmainekayak.com

3. Abacus Gallery One of five galleries run by the artist Dana Heacock, Abacus displays a captivating collection of home accessories, jewelry, and Heacock's giclée prints. The renderings shout "Maine coast" in colorful ways, and his poster calendar is a best-selling keepsake. abacugallery.com

4. Chris Becker Photo Stroll about a mile up Ocean Avenue and stop in at Becker's gallery, where the artist's imagery is on display in

formats up to 4 x 6 feet. Many of his arresting photographs are of local scenes. chrisbeckerphoto.com

5. Sandy Pines Campground Think you're not a camper? Try it out in one of the decorator-furnished luxury safari tents at this resort-style campsite. The tents, which will be ready this summer, are also available for sale, along with tiny homes, but there are 320 sites for those with their own gear. A general store, lobster pound and farm stand, and heated saltwater pool are some of the property's features, and the beach is just a half-mile away. sandypinescamping.com

6. STAY: Hidden Pond Located in the woods on 60 secluded acres, this resort is like summer camp for grown-ups, but kids are welcome too. Upscale cottages and bungalows have every convenience, but guests are drawn outdoors by the long list of amenities and activities: a spa in the treetops, Earth restaurant, morning yoga at the farm, swimming pools, the Back Porch Bar at the lodge, and nightly bonfires. From \$375; hiddenpondmaine.com.



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WHEN THE SUMMER CROWDS ARE GONE, VISITORS HAVE ROOM TO ROAM THE PICTURESQUE SEASCAPE IN SOLITUDE, BUT FUN IS STILL ON THE MENU.

1. Paint the Town Red This monthlong series of special rates at hotels and restaurants kicks off in January with an annual “Frosted!” party at the Boathouse hotel on Dock Square, a reservations-only bash with an ice bar outdoors, music, and plentiful fun food indoors, including a s’mores station. boathouseme.com

2. Wells Reserve Hike, cross-country ski, or snowshoe on 7 miles of trails through frozen salt marshes, forest, and beach. Located just a short drive from Kennebunkport, the Wells Reserve at Laudholm has 2,250 acres of coastal wildlife habitat, and birdwatching is a yearlong pursuit. wellsreserve.org

3. Maine Art Paintings and Sculpture One of the handful of galleries open year-round, and one of the best, Maine Art represents a number of noteworthy Downeast artists. Displayed outside are the wind sculptures of Lyman Whitaker, whose kinetic works can be found all over town. maine-art.com

4. H.B. Provisions Pick up some ice cleats, sip coffee with the locals, or browse the shelves of gourmet victuals and wines at this quintessential general store, where the motto is, “If we don’t have it,

you don’t need it.” Or, grab a fresh winter-picnic sandwich at the deli counter, then walk up mansion-lined Ocean Avenue; along the way, you’ll have the beach all to yourself to look for shells. hbprovisions.com

5. Maine Boatbuilders Show It may not be the time of year to take to the water, but it’s always a good time to shop for a boat. In March, this annual, three-day exhibition is the place to browse the goods and discuss custom projects with both fiberglass and wooden boatbuilders from Maine and far beyond. The year 2017 was the show’s 30th, and it launched in a new venue at the Portland Sports Complex, about 35 minutes away. portlandcompany.com

6. STAY: The White Barn Inn Elegant yet intimate, the village’s Relais & Châteaux jewel is hard to beat for a romantic weekend getaway. Many of the rooms and suites have fireplaces, and the spa offers date night packages for couples. Not to be missed is dinner at the inn’s legendary restaurant—one of the finest in New England—where delicacies from the sea and land are served in the softly lit barn, enhanced by twinkling lights in the trees outside the windows. From \$270; whitebarninn.com. ♦

—Karen Cakebread