

Downeast Maine Restaurant Recommendations

1. **Friar's Brewhouse Tap Room – 84 Main Street, Bucksport** Craft Brewery. Bakery. Restaurant. Taproom. Community Hub. Monastery. Certainly, a unique experience.
2. **Fin & Fern – 25 Seabreeze Avenue, Stonington** Fin & Fern restaurant sits on the shore of Penobscot Bay on the island of Stonington, Maine. As you dine, watch lobster boats unload their daily catch
3. **Lunch on the Wharf – Corea** Lunch on the Wharf offers many dining options including whole lobsters, lobster rolls, lobster BLTs, steak and cheese, chicken sandwiches, whoopie pies, and much more all taking place on a wharf overlooking the tranquil, working harbor. Located in the quintessential Maine village of Corea, the restaurant has been serving up great food since 2011. If you're looking for the real Maine, you'll find it at the Lunch on the Wharf.

4. **Aragosta – 300 Goose Cove Road, Deer Isle** You will be glad you discovered this hidden away gem – and it is worth the effort to get there. Recently named “Best Waterfront Restaurant in Maine” by DownEast Magazine, Aragosta at Goose Cove sits among one of Maine’s most spectacular and pristine oceanfront locations. Devin Finigan is the proprietor and Executive Chef and has worked alongside such well known chefs as Thomas Keller (French Laundry and Per Se) and Jean-Georges Vongerichten (Jean-Georges). A very special occasion place.



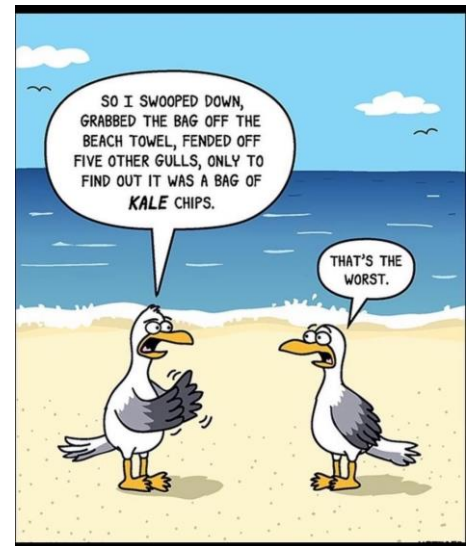
"We have to stick to our budget unless we're on vacation, in which case we eat and drink like there's no tomorrow."

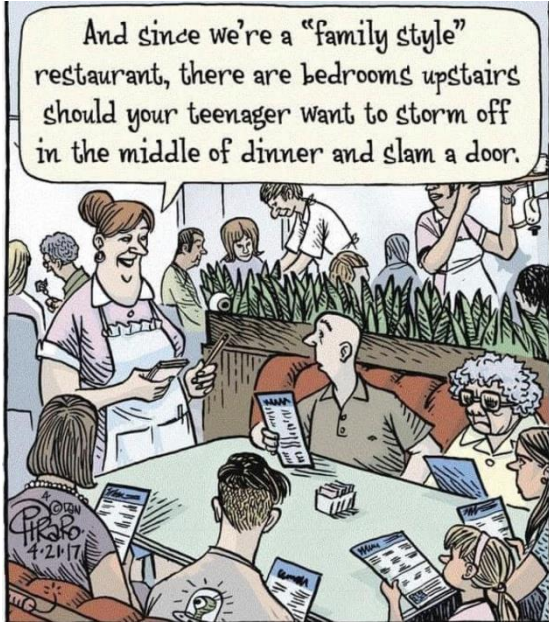
5. **Dennett's Wharf – 15 Sea Street, Castine**
A Castine classic for over 25 years. Located in the heart of Castine's maritime waterfront, Dennett's is one of Maine's best-known and best-loved restaurants.
6. **Helen's of Ellsworth – 55 Downeast Hwy, Ellsworth** An Ellsworth institution, Helen's has been serving award-winning pies and homestyle cuisine such as pot roast and seafood dishes ever since.
7. **Ironbound Restaurant – 1513 US Route One, Hancock** A casual Maine dining experience in an authentic, old world rusticator atmosphere.
8. **The Pickled Wrinkle Café – 9 East Schoodic Drive, Birch Harbor** Go where the locals go! Situated just outside the Schoodic section of Acadia National Park, The PW serves a delicious fresh menu all year! Flame broiled Maine beef burgers and pizzas

along with daily specials! Delicious craft cocktails and local canned brews now available packaged to go!

WHAT IS A PICKLED WRINKLE? Pickled Wrinkles are an old Downeast Maine Delicacy. They are large carnivorous sea snails, or whelks, which are pickled and marketed locally as Pickled Wrinkles. Unlike herbivorous periwinkles, which inhabit tidal zones, wrinkles are larger and inhabit areas below the tide line. Lobster fishermen find wrinkles in traps they haul from the ocean floor. In tough times, wrinkles were relied on to help feed Maine families, and pickling was a great way to preserve the protein packed morsels. At the Pickled Wrinkle, we strive to provide guests with local seafood and produce whenever possible. We have a diverse menu that includes local Pickled Wrinkles when available. Try one if you are brave enough!

9. **Geddy's – 19 Main Street, Bar Harbor** Iconic. Once a dingy and dangerous seaside saloon, Gerry "Geddy" Mitchell bought the rundown bar in 1974. He built the place into a world-famous destination with entertainers, including Bonnie Raitt, Arlo Guthrie, Wynton Marsalis, Taj Mahal and Los Lobos. Now, Geddy's has been a favorite local spot for over 40 years.
10. **The Burning Tree – 69 Otter Creek Drive, Mount Desert Island** A funky, charming restaurant with a huge, fun menu. It has earned its reputation over 30 years for sophisticated food that is worth seeking out.
11. **Rose Eden Lobster – 864 State Highway 3, Mount Desert Island** Authentic Maine Lobster Shack. Basic – served the way seafood should be eaten – on a picnic table with lots of napkins!
12. **Mosquito Harbor Brewery – 4 Duck Pond Rd, Winter Harbor** – a craft brewery and gastropub steps away from the Schoodic Peninsula entrance of Acadia Nat'l Park.
13. **Crocker House Country Inn – 967 Point Rd, Hancock** - 130+ year old inn offers fine dining in a quiet, coastal setting
14. **Treehouse Seaside Grill – 10 Newman St, Winter Harbor** - Features fresh American seafood with views of the Schoodic Peninsula.
15. **The Paisley Loon – 2 Wilson Rd, Cherryfield** – A highly rated, quaint cafe in a 1860 Victorian on the river. Known for coffee, homemade pastries, and sandwiches
16. **Maine Chick – 15 Cottage St, Bar Harbor** - a new spot for comfort food, cocktails, and slushies
17. **Beal's Lobster Pier, 182 Clark Point Rd, Southwest Harbor** - Eat, drink and be messy. A restaurant that's on the water, with an atmosphere that's down to earth. A working lobster pier in Southwest Harbor, Maine, you and your family will have a blast watching the boats coming in and the lobstermen unloading their fresh catch.





18. **Breeze & Castine Variety, 1 Main St, Castine** - a long-standing, casual dockside eatery in Castine, Maine, operating since the late 1950s. Located at the corner of Water and Main streets near the town dock, it serves seafood specialties like lobster rolls, crab rolls, and fried baskets, alongside burgers and breakfast

19. **The Captain's Catch, 5 Sea St, Castine** - Located right down by the water, The Captain's Catch features delicious and fresh Maine seafood capturing quintessential Maine cuisine. All manner of seafood concoctions from fish tacos to crab pie

20. **Warren's Waterfront, 96 Main St, Bucksport** - Home cooking. Seafood, breakfast and burgers. Known for its scenic views and classic Maine dishes like blueberry pancakes.