

Plan a themed trip with the Frances Perkins Center

Trip Theme: Gardens

Location: Newcastle and Boothbay

VISIT AND LEARN AT THE FRANCES PERKINS NATIONAL MONUMENT

The Homestead was designated a National Historic Landmark in 2014 and then designated a National Monument in 2024. Settled by the Perkins Family in the 1750s, the Homestead consists of an early 1837 Brick House, well, and barn on 57 acres. The land features woodland and fields, remains of earlier dwellings, 2.8 miles of stone walls, and remnants of the family's 19th-century brickyard.

Spend the morning exploring the Homestead. A self-guided exhibit on the "Life & Legacy of Frances Perkins" is installed in the Homestead Barn. The exhibit presents an overview of the life of Frances Perkins, highlighting her accomplishments alongside historic photographs and context. The barn is also home to display cases featuring objects and documents related to Perkins' life, as well as equipment and tools from the historic property. FPC staff and volunteers will be available to answer your questions and discuss the incredible life of Frances Perkins!

Meander down to the Damariscotta River along a marked trail.

EXPLORE

Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, Boothbay – more than 300 acres of gardens and natural spaces, from the Native Butterfly and Moth House to the Bibby and Harold Alfond Children's Garden or Giles Rhododendron and Perennial Garden.

LOCAL HIGHLIGHTS

Cabbage Island Clambake, Boothbay Harbor – traditional shore dinner, a unique Maine experience.

Boothbay Region Land Trust, Boothbay Peninsula – multiple walking/hiking trails throughout the Region.

Opera House at Boothbay Harbor, Boothbay Harbor – catch a show at this historic opera house.

DINE AND STAY

Bluebird Ocean Point, East Boothbay – idyllic coastal Maine getaway and boutique hotel in East Boothbay, Maine, perched on the rocky shoreline.

Tip: catch the sunset!

