

# Plan a themed trip with the Frances Perkins Center

Trip Theme: Historic Homes and Antiquing

Location: Newcastle, Wiscasset, and Alna

## 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.

### GRAB A TREAT AND GET SHOPPING

Treats, Wiscasset – scratch baked goods  
Historic Downtown boutique shops and antique stores, Wiscasset – great collection of shops

Wiscasset Antiques Mall – Over 100 dealers

### DINNER

Alna General Store, Alna – James Beard nominee off the beaten path. Be sure to make a reservation.

### LOCAL HIGHLIGHTS

Sasanoa Brewing, Westport Island – Certified organic brewery in a rustic, coastal setting.

Shelter Institute, Wiscasset – All things timber framing, workshops, and extensive tool shop.

Maine Art Gallery, Wiscasset – Gallery and arts center located in the historic Red Brick Schoolhouse.

### TOUR

Nickels-Sortwell House (1807) and Castle Tucker (1807) are both located in Wiscasset and are part of Historic New England's collection of historic homes. Check for tour times. The Nickels- Sortwell House is the only Historic New England property available for vacation rentals.

### STAY

Squire Tarbox Inn, Westport Island

