

Plan a themed trip with the Frances Perkins Center

Trip Theme: Walking, River, and Restoration

Location: Newcastle and Edgcomb

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.

HIKE

Dodge Point – a Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust area that has several easy walking trails. Features include birding spots, and Damariscotta River views, and dog-friendly, gravelly beaches.

LOCAL HIGHLIGHTS

Lincoln Theater – local theater offering films and events.

Waterstruck Wellness Center – Nordic Spa offering thermal circuit with sauna, hydrotherapy, and rest, all in the woods in Newcastle (reservations required).

Damariscotta River Cruises – explore the oyster capital of Maine on a Damariscotta River Cruise.

SHUCK AND TOUR

Glidden Point Oyster Farm – daily farm tours, shuck your own oysters, and events!

STAY

Newcastle Inn, Newcastle

The Tipsy Butler Bed & Breakfast, Newcastle

