

Visitor's Guide

Winthrop Lakes Region



Winthrop Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce

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The Winthrop Lakes Region:

Our Four-Seasons Vacation Area

Hundreds of acres of open land and more than ten lakes and ponds grace the Winthrop Lakes Region. The tidal Kennebec River is also close by. These natural features make the region a perfect place for year-round outdoor recreation, such as biking, bird watching, boating, fishing, hiking, and swimming, cross-country skiing, hunting, ice skating, and snowmobiling.

Lake Cobbosseecontee, with all of its islands, is truly the crowning gem of the region. Surrounded by the towns of Manchester, Monmouth, and Winthrop, Cobbosseecontee covers a 5,543-acre area and is about 9 miles long. An annual "Concert on the Lake" is held in July at Horseshoe Island Cove. The name Cobbosseecontee comes from the Abenaki Indians, and means "the place of many sturgeon."

The Winthrop Lakes Region offers some of the finest smallmouth and large-mouth bass fishing in Maine. Cobbosseecontee, in particular, is considered one of the best lakes in the northeast—many of the state's largest bass have come from it.

Bass tournaments take place on many weekends on a number of the lakes. Besides the lakes, all of the major rivers and many of the smaller ones have bass fisheries. Brook, brown, and lake trout, perch and pickerel are to be found in the region.

The other large lakes in the region are Androscoggin (3,826 acres), Annabessacook (1,420 acres), and Maranacook (1,673-acres). Mt. Vernon, Monmouth, Readfield, and Winthrop offer public beaches.

About an hour from the ocean, the mountains, and Portland, Maine's largest city, the region is centrally located, with convenient access to I-95.

Along with Fayette, Manchester, Monmouth, Mt. Vernon, Wayne, and Winthrop, many other cities and towns in and near the Winthrop Lakes Region feature their own unique character and interest. Cultural attractions, dining, and entertainment abound in nearby towns, such as Gardiner, Hallowell and Augusta.



MOUNT VERNON

Mount Vernon offers five square miles of water for swimming, sailing, fishing and ice-skating and its 38 square miles of land provide many opportunities for hunting, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling. Its population of 1,600 doubles during the summer when lake-side camps and cottages, which comprise nearly one-third of the housing, open for seasonal visitors. The town was incorporated in 1792 from Washington Plantation and is thought to have been named after President Washington's Virginia estate. The commercial district of Mount Vernon Village includes fire stations, a post office and the Community Center located alongside a country store and small specialty shops. The town's beautiful landscape and rural charm offer enjoyment for everyone.

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READFIELD

Readfield was settled by 1760 and incorporated in 1791, and is thought to have been named after Kennebec Purchase land grant holder Major John Reed (or Read). This popular recreation spot features nine lakes and ponds, including Maranacook Lake and Torsey Pond for fishing and trailered boating, and on the Lake sits The Readfield Town Beach off Route 17. Miles of trails for walking, hiking, cross-country skiing, nature study, hunting and snowmobiling abound through acres of woods. Every other August, the Town Beach hosts Readfield Heritage Days, which offers music, fireworks, a barbecue and other entertainment. Readfield is home to the college-preparatory Kents Hill School and Maranacook Community Schools, and its three village centers, Kents Hill, Readfield Corner and "The Depot" contain several businesses. Dairy, apple and other niche farms keep local agriculture alive. With a population around 2,600, the town retains its rural character while it looks toward economic growth in small businesses and in environmentally-friendly manufacturing.

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