

# KENNEBUNK, MAINE

We hope your walking experience will be filled with opportunities to shop for unique items, dine in places catering to all appetites, take in the town's rich architectural history, enjoy nature's beauty in the sound of a waterfall, or catch some sun while people watching from the Plaza. We are glad you have chosen to visit our pedestrian-friendly Downtown.

As a community, Kennebunk has a rich history and wonderful views for this walking experience. Please enjoy the brick sidewalks, colorful planters and flower beds, enhanced lighting and decorative banners.

This map was created to highlight points of interest including The Museum in the Streets® walking tour, free parking, public restrooms, bus/trolley stops, museums, pocket parks, annual events, and information centers.

The main focus of this map is The Museum in the Streets®, a bilingual, historical walking tour through the Downtown and Historic District. The text on the panels is in both English and French. It is our hope this map will make your walk more enjoyable and provide you with a unique perspective into Kennebunk's past. We continue to look ahead into the future by providing modern-day amenities while still remembering to honor our history.

## SPECIAL NOTES:

-  Dogs are welcome in Kennebunk, but please remember to keep them on a leash and pick up after them.
-  Purchase a Beach Pass at Town Hall's Tax Office or Chamber of Commerce.
-  For safety's sake, be sure to use designated pedestrian crosswalks.

## PARKS

**51 Main Street** — Benches, Ice Skating Rink (winter months), George Shaw Memorial Garden, Parking

**Cannon Park** — Corner of Main and Fletcher — Benches and Memorial Park

**Downtown Plaza** — 36 Main Street — Benches

**Rotary Park** — 1 Water Street — Gazebo, Open Fields, Picnic Area and River

**Lafayette Park** — 9 Storer Street — Open fields and Picnic Area

**Rogers Pond** — 49 Water Street — Benches, Carry in Boat Access, Fishing, Ice Skating Rink (winter months), Open Fields, Pavilion, Picnic Area, and River

**Skateboard Park** — 30 Factory Pasture Lane — Half pipe, quarter pipes, launch ramp, and pyramid

## PUBLIC RESTROOMS

**Chamber of Commerce** — 16 Water Street — Public Restrooms available during office hours

**EVENTS** — Annual events include: **May Day, Concerts in the Park, Shakespeare in the Park, Old Home Week, Harvest Festival** and **Winterfest**. For more events in Downtown and other areas of Town, visit [www.kennebunkmaine.us/events](http://www.kennebunkmaine.us/events)

## INFORMATION AND OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST

### KENNEBUNK-KENNEBUNKPORT-ARUNDEL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Few doors down at 16 Water Street from corner of Main and Water Streets — Stop in and get the latest information on local activities, dining, lodging or hop on the trolley to visit many of our other points of interest. 207-967-0857

### "EXPERIENCE THE KENNEBUNKS" MOBILE APPLICATION

Download Kennebunk's Mobile App today! "Experience the Kennebunks" Get it at iTunes store, the Android Marketplace, or at <http://www.experiencethekennebunks.com/>.

**TROLLEY/SHUTTLE STOPS — Shoreline Explorer** — This bus service at the Chamber of Commerce offers frequent rides to beaches, dining, shopping that are low cost and fun!

### FARMERS/ARTISANS MARKETS

**Grove Street Municipal Parking Lot** just off Main Street; Saturday mornings 8:00 am to 1:00 pm Rain or Shine; held annually from May to November.

**51 Main Street**; Tuesday/Friday Evenings 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Rain or Shine; held annually from June to October.

**VISITORS WELCOME — BRICK STORE MUSEUM** — The Museum functions as the art and history center of the Kennebunks and the Southern Maine area. Dedicated to exhibiting educational and exhilarating stories through the scope of local people and places, the Museum keeps a schedule of rotating exhibitions in six galleries throughout the year. The Museum is located at 117 Main Street, 207-985-4802.

**EASTERN TRAIL (ET)** — This is a 65 mile section of the East Coast Greenway, a transportation-recreation greenway. The ET is both a trail and a vision and has a growing span of off-road sections, as well as a scenic on-road trail that mostly follows quiet country roads. The Kennebunk segment begins off Route 35. Parking is available at the Kennebunk Elementary School.

**BEACHES — Gooch's, Kennebunk (Middle) & Mother's Beach** (Beach Avenue, off Routes 9 & 35) The string of beaches, some sandy, some rocky, that stretch along Beach Avenue from Gooch's Beach past Lord's Point are all connected by sidewalks.

**KENNEBUNK FREE LIBRARY** — Serves the diverse cultural, informational, educational, and recreational needs of the community. The library is located at 112 Main Street.

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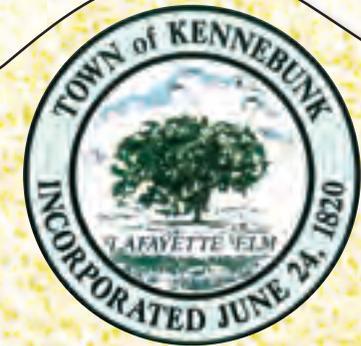
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**WALKING MAP**  
Kennebunk & The Museum in the Streets®

# THE MUSEUM IN THE STREETS®

*A bi-lingual historical walking tour  
of the Town of Kennebunk.*



*Brick Store Museum Collection 2003.059.0002*



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## THE HISTORY OF KENNEBUNK

The word KENNEBUNK, a derivative of a Native American word, means ‘long cut bank’ and is thought to refer to Great Hill, near the mouth of the Mousam River. The first settler was John Sa(u)nders, who lived along Parsons Beach in the 1650s. In 1653 the Massachusetts Bay Colony formally assumed control of the area that is now known as Kennebunk. Kennebunk remained a district in the Town of Wells until 1820 when Maine became a state.

Through the early 1700s Kennebunk was the site of countless Indian wars. The earliest settlers lived in garrisons, much like Sergeant Larrabee’s Garrison on the banks of the Mousam River.



*Brick Store Museum Collection 1994.1.101.1*

At late as the turn of the twentieth century the graves of Sergeant Larrabee and his family were still visible. Around 1750, Indian hostilities ceased and Kennebunk began to prosper. Saw mills, grist mills and iron works grew up along the rivers. Shipbuilding began on the Mousam River, but was cut short in the early 1800s when the proprietors realized that the river was too shallow and twisted for their needs. Shipbuilding then moved to the Landing on the Kennebunk River, an area that already was growing due to reliance on the local waterway for transportation. For over 150 years more than a dozen shipyards built over 600 ships on the Kennebunk River. The ships, loaded with ice and lumber for the voyage to the Carolinas

or Louisiana, sailed to Europe and returned. A few sailed to the Far East, and today the ballast on their return is highly prized by collectors, featuring china and oriental goods.



*Brick Store Museum Collection 2005.003.0005*

The Landing was so valued by shipbuilders that in 1848 several shipbuilders formed a company which built the Kennebunk Lock, which allowed even larger ships to be floated downstream to the Port to be launched. Shipbuilding on the Kennebunk ceased soon after the turn of the twentieth century as the area became too small for the increasingly large ships.

By the middle 1800s the Town had made a mark for itself in shipbuilding and the associated trades that accompanied it. Kennebunk was home to farmers in the Alewife district, stores, physicians and dry goods in the downtown area, and the beginnings of the tourist industry in Lower Village. Hotels sprang up for those who wanted to get away from the heat and disease of the city, and Kennebunk Beach became a thriving summer resort community.

In the 1900s Kennebunk was the site of the world famous Leatheroid factory, which made trunks of every size for the salesman or traveler, and roving cans for the many factories which lined the Mousam River. In 1903 a fire, the largest that Kennebunk had ever witnessed, consumed the four corners of the business district near the Mousam River.



*Brick Store Museum Collection 85.12.5.4.10*

Out of the ruins grew the present-day Lafayette Center, formerly home to Kesslen Shoe Company. At one time Kesslen manufactured 18 percent of the shoes produced in Maine.

Today Kennebunk is home to a wide variety of interests. It is the “Only Village in the World So Named.” It contains the oldest extant commercial block in town, the block on upper Main Street that today houses the Brick Store Museum. Kennebunk has the oldest historic district in the state, formed in 1963. It boasts the most varied architecture of the 19th century on Summer Street, from Colonial houses to a grand Queen Anne structure. And it has one of the 23 remaining Paul Revere bells in existence in the First Parish Unitarian Church.



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**1** WALLINGFORD HALL



**2** THE MOUSAM RIVER  
LE FLEUVE MOUSAM



**3** THE LAFAYETTE CENTER  
LE CENTRE LAFAYETTE



**4** THE STORER MANSION  
LA RÉSIDENCE STORER



**5** THE ROSS BLOCK AND THE KENNEBUNK INN  
LE BÂTIMENT ROSS ET L'AUBERGE DE KENNEBUNK



**6** THE BOURNE MANSION  
LA RÉSIDENCE BOURNE



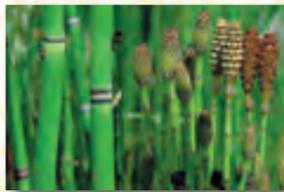
**7** THE HORACE PORTER HOME  
LA MAISON D'HORACE PORTER



**8** THE NATHANIEL FROST HOME  
LA MAISON DE NATHANIEL FROST



**9** BRICK STORE MUSEUM BLOCK  
LES BÂTIMENTS DU BRICK STORE MUSEUM



**25** THE INDIAN MOUND  
LE TERTRE AMÉRINDIEN



**24** THE LARRABEE GARRISON  
LE FORT LARRABEE



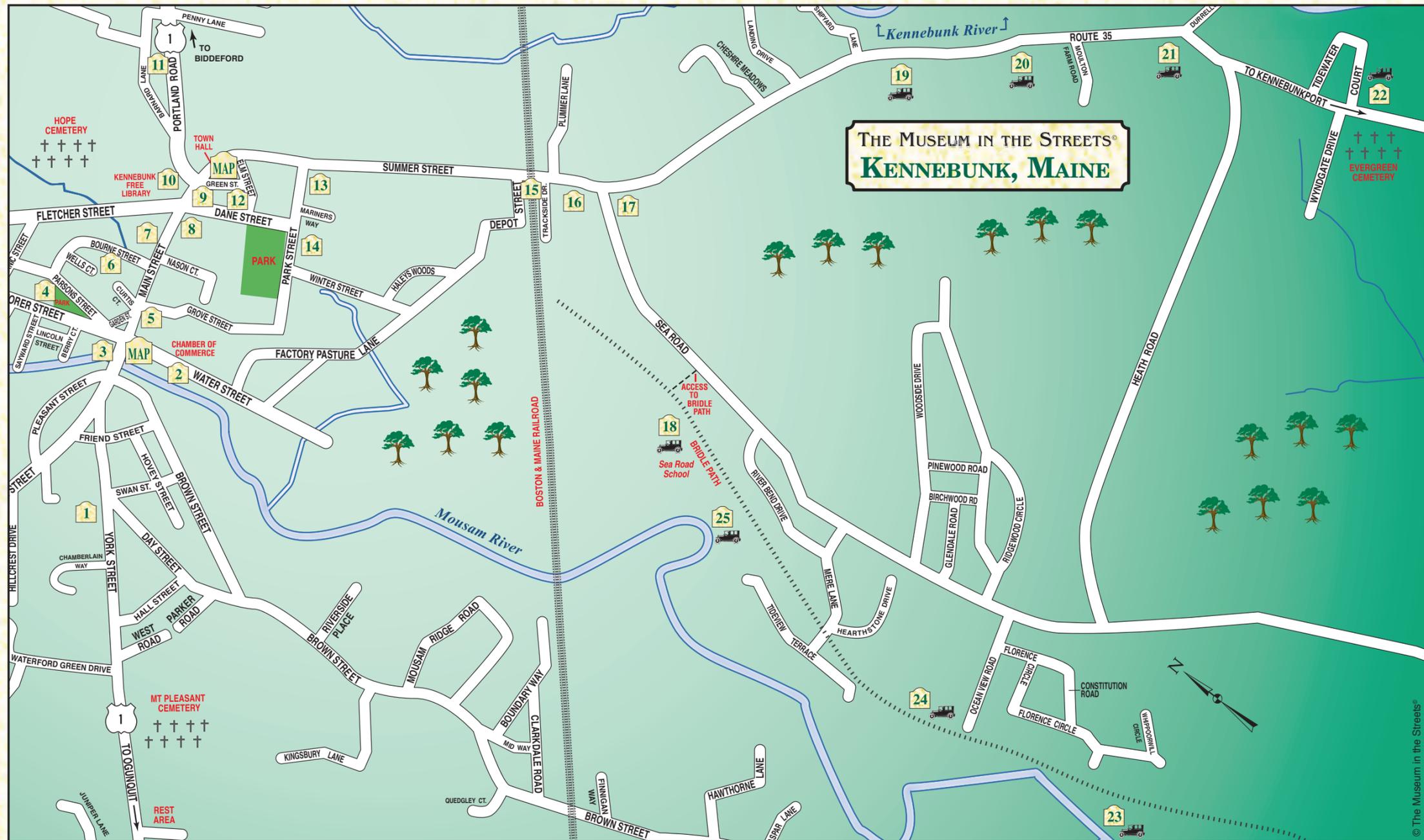
**23** THE BUTLAND SHIPYARD AND CEMETERY  
LE CHANTIER NAVAL BUTLAND ET LE CIMETIÈRE



**22** THE TITCOMB GARRISON  
LA MAISON FORTIFIÉE DE TITCOMB



Indicates that one should drive to these locations



**10** FIRST PARISH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH  
PREMIÈRE ÉGLISE PAROISSIALE UNITARIENNE UNIVERSALISTE



**11** JOSEPH BARNARD TAVERN  
LA TAVERNE DE JOSEPH BARNARD



**12** THE DR. LEMUEL RICHARDS HOME  
LA DEMEURE DR. LEMUEL RICHARDS



**13** ZION'S HILL  
ZION'S HILL (LA COLLINE DORÉE)



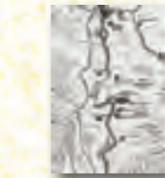
**21** HUGH McCULLOCH HOME  
LA DEMEURE HUGH McCULLOCH



**20** THE LANDING  
LE QUAI



**19** THE WEDDING CAKE HOUSE  
LA MAISON DU 'GÂTEAU DE MARIAGE'



**18** THE BRIDLE PATH  
LE CHEMIN DES CAVALIERS



**17** THE GEORGE WISE HOME  
LA DEMEURE GEORGE WISE



**16** THE JAMES HUBBARD HOME  
LA DEMEURE JAMES HUBBARD



**15** BOSTON & MAINE R.R. DEPOT  
LA GARE DU BOSTON & MAINE



**14** PARK STREET SCHOOL  
L'ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE DE PARK STREET