

Wiscasset

More than just a pretty village

Explore Wiscasset, “Your Midcoast Dining Destination” this Holiday Season, during the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens’ “Gardens Aglow”

As the holiday lights sparkle at the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens’ annual “Gardens Aglow” exhibit in Boothbay, visitors are invited to make their trip even more magical by exploring the culinary gems of Wiscasset. Located just a short drive from Boothbay, Wiscasset’s restaurants and bars offer the perfect way to start or cap off an unforgettable night of lights, laughter, and cheer.

Wiscasset has long been known as the “Prettiest Village in Maine” but has become a true food lover’s haven. With unique restaurants, cozy bars, and a welcoming atmosphere, Wiscasset is the ideal stop to and from Gardens Aglow.

Highlights of Wiscasset’s dining options include:

- **Fine Dining & Coastal Cuisine:** Savor freshly caught seafood, signature Maine dishes, and upscale New England fare. Local chefs bring out the best of Maine’s flavors, incorporating fresh, local ingredients to delight visitors and locals alike.
- **Casual Eateries with Warm Ambience:** Find a variety of cozy spots perfect for families or friends. From hearty sandwiches and pizzas to classic pub-style fare, Wiscasset’s eateries have something to satisfy every craving.
- **Handcrafted Cocktails & Local Brews:** End your night at one of Wiscasset’s inviting bars or taverns, where you can enjoy craft beers, hot toddies, and creative cocktails expertly crafted to warm you up on chilly winter evenings. Many establishments offer seasonal beverages that capture the essence of the holidays in every sip.
- **Special Offers During Gardens Aglow:** Several Wiscasset restaurants and bars will offer exclusive discounts and limited-time menu items to celebrate Gardens Aglow. Follow your favorite local spots on social media to learn more about special offers and holiday events throughout the season.

A Memorable Experience Awaits

Whether seeking a festive feast or a casual bite, Wiscasset’s dining options offer diverse options to complete your Gardens Aglow experience. Make this holiday season unforgettable by enjoying the magical lights of Boothbay and the culinary delights of Wiscasset.

Restaurants, Pubs, Breweries and more

- Aekeir Brewing Tasting Room, 111 Main Street •
 - Back River Bistro, 65 Gardiner Road •
 - Barnhouse Grill & Pub, 690 Bath Road •
 - Bath Ale Works, 681 Bath Road •
- The Cubbyhole Sports Pub, 213 West Alna Road •
- In A Silent Way – Wine Bar & Shop, 51 Water Street •
 - Jodie’s Café & Bakery, 45 Water Street •
 - Jolie Rogers Raw Bar, 8 Railroad Avenue •
 - Marketplace Café, 681 Bath Road •
 - Sherre’s Kitchen, 560 Gardiner Road •
 - Sweetz & More, 298 Bath Road •
 - Tast of Orient, 306 Bath Road •
 - Treats, 80 Main Street •
- Water Street Kitchen and Bar, 15 Water Street •
- Wiscasset House of Pizza, 74 Flood Avenue •
- The Montswaeg, 942 US Route 1, Woolwich •
- Water’s Edge Restaurant & Bar, 306 Eddy Road, Edgecomb •

Wiscasset is located on the western banks of the Sheepscot River. Enjoy a leisurely walk around our little village, a historic district with numerous buildings listed on the **National Register of Historic Places**, and several other businesses with ample parking.

Art & Antiques

- Sylvan Gallery, 49 Water Street •
- Bradbury Art & Antiques, 60 Main Street •
 - Red Bull Antiques, 8 Federal Street •
 - Ingram Fine Art, 85B Main Street •
- Wiscasset Bay Gallery, 75 Main Street •

Shops & Boutiques

- Moulinette, 60 Main Street •
- Rock Paper Scissors, 68 Main Street •
- Water Lily Flowers and Gifts, 52 Water Street •
 - Old and Everlasting, 49 Water Street •
 - Village Handcraft, 52 Water Street •
 - In the Clover, 85A Main Street •

Museum in the Streets

Take a self-guided walking tour of historic locations and stunning architecture throughout the Village for a glimpse back in time. Charming photos, eyewitness accounts, and historical research depict the people and places that gave character to Wiscasset.

Holiday Marketfest, Dec. 6-8, 2024

Launch your holiday season with a weekend of joyful activities on the first weekend in December. Activities include a Merry & Bright Light Parade, Santa’s Workshop and Block Party, Christmas Cookie Challenge, Tree Lighting on the Town Common, Snowball, Haunted Holiday Ghost Walk, shopping and wine tastings for grown-ups, horse-drawn carriage rides, music, and good cheer!

About Gardens Aglow

Gardens Aglow, hosted by the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens in Boothbay, is one of New England’s largest and most beloved holiday light displays. Running through the holiday season, the event brings together families, friends, and visitors from all over to experience the magic of Maine’s coastal winter wonderland.

For more information, go to:

Town of Wiscasset, <https://www.wiscasset.org/>
Wiscasset Creative Alliance, <https://www.wiscassetcreativealliance.org/>
Wiscasset Area Chamber of Commerce, <https://wiscassetchamber.com/>
Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, <https://www.maine gardens.org/>