

Day 4: Castine to Bar Harbor

65.3 Miles
3,867' Elevation Gain



Roll with the Rusticators

Wednesday
September 11, 2013

Quick Facts

- Castine to Bar Harbor
- 65.3 mi
- Rolling hills
- 3,867 ft elevation gain

Stores Along the Route:

- 12.0: Northern Bay Market
- 18.1: Blue Hill
- 29.9: The Surry Store
- 36.0: Ben's Market
- 36.5: Ellsworth Downtown
- 42.9: C&G Mini-Store
- 51.9: Steamboat Landing
- 58.8: Hull's Cove General Store

Ride Description

We leave historic Castine and cut east across the Blue Hill Peninsula—new roads and vistas, and similar rolling terrain that forms the granite backbone of this area. The route skirts downtown Ellsworth and follows the Union River and Bay before cutting over to Trenton and onto Mt. Desert Island (MDI). On MDI, we take some less traveled roads before joining a portion of the Park Loop Road where we will make a final climb with great views of Frenchman Bay and Bar Harbor before descending into town for a much-deserved two-night stay close to the heart of the village.

Maine's Coastal Islands & Acadia National Park

Many of Maine's coastal islands have been protected by organizations like The Nature Conservancy, Maine Coast Heritage Trust, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Many of these islands offer important habitat for migratory seabirds like endangered roseate terns, Atlantic puffins, razorbills, black guillemots, Leach's storm-petrels, laughing gulls, and common eiders. Acadia National Park is one of the smaller national parks and is one of the most visited—by almost two and a half million people a year who are drawn to the rugged coast of Maine. The park is home to many plants and animals, and the tallest mountain on the US Atlantic coast.

***Mileage is computed using GPS and may vary from your odometer. Verify turns by checking route markings, street names and odometer.*

From Fort George, proceed north on Battle St.	0
Turn left on Castine Rd., becomes ME 166	0.4
Turn left on ME 166A, The Shore Rd.	1.4
Turn left on ME 166 at Penobscot Town line	5.2
Turn right on ME 175, New Rd.	7.0
Turn left, keeping on ME 175 (Bayview Rd.), joining ME 199	9.1
Continue straight on ME 175 (ME 199 turns left) (Penobscot)	11.0
Turn left on ME 177, Western County Rd. (S. Penobscot)	12.0
Continue right on ME 177 (Hinckley Ridge Rd.)	15.6
Bear left, staying on ME 177, Union St. (enter Blue Hill)	18.1
Turn left on Main St., ME 15/172/176	19.0
Continue straight on ME 176 (ME 172 turns left)	19.4
Use caution on descent, steel grate bridge at bottom	23.3
Turn right in East Blue Hill onto Curtis Cove Rd.	23.4
Rest Stop 1, East Blue Hill Village Playground and Boat Ramp	23.5
Turn right onto ME 176 (now Morgan Bay Rd.)	23.6
Turn right on ME 172, Blue Hill Rd. (Surry Village)	29.8
Join US1, Rt. 3; caution on descent into downtown Ellsworth	36.2
Turn right on ME 230, Franklin St., which becomes Water St.	36.5
Lunch Stop, Union River Harbor Park	37.0
Continue straight on ME 230 past Goose Cove Rd.	42.9
Turn right on ME 3 (Trenton Village); lobster pound on right	50.7
Rest Stop 2, Acadia Welcome Center on right	51.1
Continue straight on ME 3 (ME 198/102 bears right)	51.9
Turn right onto Knox Rd.	53.5
Turn left on Gilbert Farm Rd.	54.2
Turn left on Crooked Rd. (no sign)	55.1
Turn right on ME 3 (Hull's Cove)	58.8
Turn right into Acadia National Park; Visitor Center to right	59.0
Turn left onto Park Loop Rd.	59.1
Continue straight on Park Loop Rd., ignore signs for Bar Harbor	60.9
Turn sharp left toward Sand Beach on one-way Park Loop Rd.	62.1
Turn left onto unnamed road, becomes Ledge lawn Ave.	64.3
Turn right onto Park St. (Bar Harbor)	65.2
YMCA is immediately ahead, end Day 4	65.3

