



**Bucksport Bay Area
Chamber of Commerce**

Relocation Information

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BUCKSPORT

INCORPORATED 1792

Located at the mouth of the Penobscot River, Bucksport has enjoyed the many endeavors, enterprises, and advantages associated with busy coastal towns. Plantation No. 1, as Bucksport was originally called, was first settled in 1764 by Jonathan Buck of Haverhill, Mass. No doubt aware of the commercial and strategic possibilities of the site, Buck immediately set up a saw-mill to provide materials for building the settlement as well as for trading. In 1771 Buck built the sloop *Hannah*, to carry his lumber to southern ports, the first of many ships to be built in Bucksport, and the first to be built on the Penobscot. By 1775 there were twenty-one families living in the settlement.

The American Revolution did not leave Plantation No. 1 untouched. In fact, the worst naval defeat before Pearl Harbor occurred in Penobscot Bay during the Revolution. In June, 1779, the British sent a fleet with over 700 men to Castine at the head of Penobscot Bay. In July, an American fleet with over 1,000 men arrived to challenge the British. Unfortunately, although out-manned and out-gunned, the British emerged victorious after a twenty-one day battle in and around Penobscot Bay. Thanks to poor leadership, the Americans suffered a total defeat: every American ship was either sunk or beached and Plantation No. 1 was burned. In 1979, several historical groups reenacted the “Penobscot Expedition” as it was called, and staged several battles, complete with “tall ships” and authentic costumes.

After the war, the town was rebuilt and renamed Buckstown, in honor of Jonathan Buck and his family. It rapidly became a busy port. The harbor was filled with boats and ships of every description. Ships were built and repaired and then sent off to points south carrying lumber and other raw materials and bringing back goods of all sorts. In 1804 the Robinson House (Jed Prouty Inn) was built, and 1806 saw the establishment of Bucksport’s first bank.

War again touched Bucksport in 1846. The United States and Great Britain were involved in several boundary disputes. Remembering the rout of 1779, and desiring to protect inland Maine, the federal government began to build Fort Knox across the river from Bucksport. The location of the fort is superb – today, it offers a magnificent view, then, it offered maximum control of the river. Years were spent digging into the hillside and building the fort out of local granite. But the design of the fort was made obsolete by advances in the technology of warfare and thus the fort was never completed. Fort Knox is now maintained as a state park and is a wonderful place to visit – full of dark passages and tunnels to explore and river views to delight in.

Bucksport continued to grow and thrive in the nineteenth century. The harbor was crowded; ship building continued; more banks were established. After the Civil War, the railroad came, linking Bucksport to Bangor. Later, Bucksport was also a port of call for the steamships which made the overnight Boston-to-Bangor run. But as the iron-clad steamships began to replace wooden sailing ships, the ship-building trade began to fall off. One of the last ships to be built, however, was Admiral Peary’s famous ship, the “Roosevelt” built in 1911 on Verona Island.

In 1920, Maine Seaboard Paper built a paper mill on the site of an old tannery, and paper-making became a major occupation in the town. Now owned by International Paper and boasting five paper machines, the mill in Bucksport produces the slick coated paper used in fine magazines.

Bucksport today is a pleasant, friendly community. It still retains some of the flavour of its by-gone days as a bustling port, for the Bucksport terminal receives large oil tankers from far-away places and

the crews from the tankers lend a cosmopolitan air to Main Street. The sight of a big tanker coming slowly up-river under the magnificent suspension bridge, guided by tug-boats, is always breath-taking.

In addition to picnics at Fort Knox there are other things for the visitor to see and do in Bucksport. The Historical Society maintains a small museum in the railroad depot near the public dock. For the walking sight-seer, there are several noteworthy buildings to see. The Jed Prouty Inn on Main Street is a well-known landmark. The Buck Memorial Library built in 1887, also on Main Street, is a fine example of the Romanesque style. Franklin Street boasts several Federalist houses and churches, and there are several Victorian "cottages" scattered here and there, most notably the Emery House located on Main Street.

No visit to Bucksport is complete without a visit to the gravestone of Bucksport's founder, Jonathan Buck, located in the cemetery on Main Street across from the Bucksport Shopping Plaza. On the granite marker there is the distinct outline of a leg and foot, centered over the name "Buck". This is the "Witches Curse". The legends say that Col. Buck, as chief magistrate of the settlement, ordered the execution of a woman accused of witchcraft. The poor woman protested her innocence, but to no avail. Finally, in her last words, she cursed Jonathan Buck, vowing to stamp on his grave and leave her imprint forever, as testament to her innocence. The monument to Buck was erected in 1852 by his descendants. Several years later the "leg and foot" appeared and they remain visible to this day.

Lodging

Bucksport ♦ Orland ♦ Verona

Motels

Jed Prouty <i>Best Western</i>	469-3113	Bucksport Motor Inn	469-3111
	1-800-528-1234		1-800-626-9734
Pine Shore Motel	469-2663	The Spring Fountain Motel	469-3139

Bed and Breakfasts

Alamoosook Lakeside Inn	469-6393	Sign of the Amiable Pig	469-2561
Orland House B & B	469-1144	Watchtide...by the Sea (<i>Searsport</i>)	548-6575
Knox View House	469-7973		

Campgrounds & Cottages

Balsam Cove Campground	469-7771	Front Ridge Cabins	469-7130
Island Garden Vacation Rental	469-9979	Masthead Campground	469-3482
Patten Pond Campground	667-5745	Whispering Pines Campground	469-3443
Pine Shore Cottages	469-7789	Shady Oaks Campground	469-7739
Toddy Lakeside Cabins	469-3778	Penobscot Shores Rentals	469-7839

Restaurants

Crosby's Drive-In	469-3640	McDonald's Café	469-6577
Duffy's Restaurant	469-1100	The View Restaurant	469-7600
Dunkin Donuts	469-3433	Stewart's Pizza & Take-Out	469-2750
Subway	469-3382	Kravings – Bakery & eatery	469-9900
Wahl's Dairy Port	469-3824	MacLeod's Restaurant	469-3963
Seabreeze	469-1110	Dale's Takeout	469-1012
Bucksport House of Pizza	469-3971		

Castine/Penobscot

Lodging

The Brass Fox Bed & Breakfast	326-0575	Castine Cottages	326-8003
The Manor Inn	326-4861	The Pentagoet Inn	326-8616

The Castine Inn	326-8003	The Village Inn	326-9510
Castine Harbor Lodge	326-4335	Penobscot Cottages	326-8559

Restaurants

Dennett's Wharf	326-9045	LaConque	326-4861
Mainstay Pasta	326-8085	The Pentagoet Inn	326-8616
The Castine Inn	326-8003		
Bah's Bakehouse	326-9510		

Thank you for contacting the Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce. **Businesses listed in bold are Chamber members.** Please let these businesses know you heard about them through the Chamber of Commerce. Many thanks, and have a pleasant stay.

Contracting Resources

To: Those considering building or contractual work in the Bucksport Bay area:

We are very pleased you are considering our beautiful area for your relocation/remodeling plans. We are experiencing a period of very positive growth in the Bucksport area and environs, both in the relocating of individuals, families and retirees, and in the business sector. In fact, the **Maine State Housing Authority reports that in 1999 the Bucksport area was the third fastest growing area in the State!** We've seen this continue. There are many reasons for that positive economic growth; one key element for our citizens is the Economic Development Committee and Director, who are setting a *second* five-year plan for revitalization and community goals. Another is our Planning Board and Downtown Committees and their insightful steering of our resources in a direction that sustains and protects our way of life.

The following is a list of contractors/builders who are Chamber of Commerce members, who may be able to help you with your plans:

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Joseph Allard, <i>Allard Electric</i>	20 Willins Orchard Road, Bucksport 04416	469-2472
Gene Berry, <i>Berry's Septic Service</i>	PO Box H, Bucksport 04416-9613	469-7702
Steve Bowden, <i>Steve Bowden, Builder</i>	RR #1, Box 5435, Bucksport 04416	843-5431
David Chambers, <i>Chamber's General Maintenance</i>	64 Lee St., Bucksport 04416	469-3750
Bill Chandler, <i>Chandler's Cabinet Shop (carpentry)</i>	PO Box 197, Orland, 04472	469-7985
Janet Boyle, <i>Coastal Energy (heating, etc.)</i>	PO Box W, (Pine St.), Bucksport 04416	469-6700
Dana Doane, Jr., <i>Doane Foundations</i>	690 Acadia Highway, Orland 04472	469-7989
Herald Duke Jr., <i>Duke Building & Remodeling</i>	8 Foss Farm Road, Bucksport 04416	825-3500
Dean Hoke, <i>Dean Hoke Builders</i>	PO Box 248, Orland 04472	469-2344
Clarence Eastman, <i>Eastman's Garage (gravel, roadwork, etc.)</i>	PO Box 429,(Rt. 46) Bucksport 04416-0429	469-3001
Donald Potter, <i>Ellsworth Builder's Supply (EBS)</i>	PO Box 1640, US Rt.1, Bucksport 04416	469-7313

F.L. Davis, <i>FL Davis & Company (carpentry)</i>	PO Box 153, Orland, 04472	469-6068
Jim McCoy, <i>Fortin & Jewett Oil Co. (heating)</i>	PO Drawer O, Bucksport, 04416	469-3143
Jeff Gammelin, <i>Freshwater Stone & Brickwork, Inc.</i>	PO Box 15, (4 Upper Falls Rd.),Orland, 04472	469-6331
Fred Crocker, <i>Gary's Fuel Service (heating,etc.)</i>	RR #1, Box 1380, Penobscot, 04476	326-8808
Glee Honders, <i>Island Pool & Spa</i>	PO Box 549, Bucksport, 04416-0549	469-6004
Todd Nicodemus, <i>Journeyman Hardwood Floors</i>	PO Box 18, Orland 04472 (located 1281 River Rd., Bucksport)	825-8751
Gary Kelley, <i>Kelley's Custom Building (homes, etc.)</i>	477 Bowden Point Rd., Prospect 04981	469-2374
Don Lewis, <i>Lewis & Malm Architects</i>	PO Box 1459, Bucksport 04416-1459	469-7440
Philip Osborne, <i>Osborne's Plumbing & Heating</i>	PO Box 1718, Bucksport 04416	469-6225
Travis Johnson, <i>T & D Electric</i>	92 Mast Hill Rd., Bucksport 04416	469-3768
Joel Wardwell, <i>Wardwell Contracting</i>	PO Box 1820, (Rt. 1), Bucksport 04416	469-3652
Ronald Grant, <i>Grant Builders</i>	961 Acadia Highway, Orland 04472	469-0983
Heidi Kinney, <i>Bangor Gas</i>	PO Box 986, Bangor 04402	941-9595
Jayne Howard, <i>G & S Upholstery</i>	1524 River Road, Bucksport 04416	825-4967
Joey Norris, <i>Norris Heating Co.</i>	43 Castine Road, Orland 04472	469-0847
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Along relocation/remodeling lines, let me also suggest:		
Sylvia Arey, <b><i>Arey's New Road Storage</i></b>	RR#1, Box 142, Penobscot 04476	326-4978
Harland Leach, <b><i>We Store, Inc.</i></b>	PO Box 39, Orland 04472	469-6867
Alice or David Grant, <b><i>Landmark Properties</i></b>	PO Box 1700, Rt. 1, Bucksport 04416-1700	469-2275
Bronwen Pierson, <b><i>Ocean's Edge Realty, llc</i></b>	PO Drawer P, (US Rt. 1) Bucksport 04416	469-1046
Paul Hansen, <b><i>Re/Max Advantage Realty</i></b>	20 Cox Road, Verona Island 04416	469-6258
Patrick Lorenz, <b><i>Apartment Rentals</i></b>	PO Box 826, Castine 04421	326-8382
Jay Felman, <b><i>Rentals</i></b>	40 Franklin Street, Bucksport 04416	786-514-7733
Lou Leger, <b><i>LBL Rentals</i></b>	PO Box 1639, Bucksport 04416	469-1113

## Points of Interest

**BUCKSPORT BAY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:** LOCATED at 52 Main St., Bucksport. Our Information Center is open daily, 24 hours. The Chamber office is open Mon-Fri, during regular business hours. We would love to put together a relocation or visitor's package based on your needs. If there's something that you need information on regarding our area, we have it. If we don't have it, we can point you in the right direction. For more info. call 469-6818. Or visit their Website @ [www.bucksportbaychamber.com](http://www.bucksportbaychamber.com).

**FORT KNOX:** Located on Rte. 174 in Prospect. Open daily May 1st-Nov. 1st, guided tours are available on weekends. Picnic area & restrooms are avail. for your convenience. Fort hours: 8:30am-Sunset. Admission: -5 & 65+, free; 5-11, \$1; 12-64, \$3. For add'l info. or to arrange a group tour, call 469-6553.

**CRAIG BROOK NATIONAL FISH HATCHERY:** Located off Rte. 1 in East Orland. The nation's oldest salmon hatchery. There is a visitor's center, housing the Atlantic Salmon Museum, open daily Memorial Day-Columbus Day, 8-5. A public boat launch & lakeside picnic & swim area with restrooms are open 6 am-Sunset. There is a nature walk that is approx. a 1-mile trip. For add'l info. call 469-2803

**HIKE GREAT POND MOUNTAIN:** From Craig Brook Nat'l Fish Hatchery, drive through the parking lot & bear right. On the trail 0.9 miles from the hatchery is the trailhead. There is a brochure box @ the base of the trail. Park on the roadside & walk up, distance to the summit is about 1 mile.

### **THE ALAMO THEATRE**

**NORTHEAST HISTORIC FILM:** Located on Main St., Bucksport. The Alamo houses a museum exhibit, a 120-seat theatre, offices, tech. services, and storage. Movies show Fri., Sat., & Sun., & during school vacation weeks. For add'l info. call the recorded event line at 469-6910 or N.H.F. at 469-0924. You could also visit their Website @ [www.oldfilm.org](http://www.oldfilm.org).

**BUCK CEMETERY & THE FOOT ON THE STONE:** Located on Main St. (Rte. 1), Bucksport (diagonal from Hannaford). Is the legend fact or fiction?? For add'l info., visit the Buck Memorial Library, or stop in to the Chamber office.

**BUCKSPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** Located on Main St., Bucksport in the old Train Station, the Museum is open July & August, Wed., Thurs., & Fri., 1-4pm. Wonderful artifacts of the area's colorful history.

**BUCK MEMORIAL LIBRARY:** Located on Main St., Bucksport. Open Mon.-Fri.; 10-5, Sat.; 10-12. Children's Story Time: Wed. 10:30-11. For more info. call 469-2650

**BUCKSPORT BOWLING CENTER:** Located off Rte. 46, Bucksport. Candlepin style. For more information call 469-6866.

**CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND:** Located on Elm St., Bucksport. Open Sunrise-Sunset.

**ORLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** Located on Rte. 174 in Orland Village. The Museum is open July, Aug., & Sept. on Wed. & Sat., 2-4 pm. For additional information call Cindy Kimball at 469-6818.

**H.O.M.E., INC.:** Located on Rte.1, Orland. Craft Shop, Woodworking Shop, Weaving, Leather & Pottery Studios. A settlement to provide support for home workers.

**PENOBSCOT MARINE MUSEUM:** Located on Rte. 1, Searsport. 12 buildings house art galleries, a library, museum exhibits, lectures, films, & workshops. Admission: Adults, \$8; 7-15, \$3; -6, free. Family & group rates also. For add'l information call 548-2529.

**FORT POINT LIGHTHOUSE:** Located off of Rte. 1, Stockton Springs. Lighthouse, picnic area w/ tables & grills, & fishing along the beautiful Penobscot Bay. Part of Fort Point State Park & site of Fort Pownall. Dock & Beach also available for use.

**BUCKSPORT GOLF CLUB:** Located on Rte. 46, Bucksport. The longest 9-hole golf course in the state of Maine. Carts available, lunch area. Open daily from 7am-Sunset. For additional information call 469-7612.

**THE BUCKSPORT WATERFRONT WALKWAY:** Often referred to as the “Million Dollar Walkway”. This brick walk spans approx. 1 mile from the Bucksport/Verona Bridge to Webber Docks. Historical markers, picnic tables, benches, a gazebo, and restrooms are avail. for use. Beautiful views of the Downeast Gateway Bridge Construction and of the wonderful Bucksport Bay. For add’l info. call 469-7368.

**FISHING PIER:** Located beside the Bucksport/Verona Bridge. Can also be used as a canoe & kayak launch. Rules are posted at the pier for your convenience. For add’l info. call 469-7368.

**BUCKSPORT SKATING RINK:** Located on Miles Lane, Bucksport.

**BASKETBALL COURTS:** Located on Miles Lane, Bucksport. Lighted during the nighttime hours.

**BUCKSPORT TOWN POOL:** Open during the summer months. Is free to all. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 1-4:15 & 5:30-7:20, Saturday

**PLAYGROUP:** For infants & toddlers, up to age 3. Meet Thursdays from 10-11:30, at the Jewett Community Center Gymnasium, located on the corner of Bridge St. & Broadway. Brought to you by Parents Are Teachers Too. For more info. call Cathy Jacobs @ 667-5304 ext. 225.

**LEARN SOMETHING NEW:** Bucksport Adult & Community Education is always adding interesting classes for health and recreation, as well as several accredited college courses to their roster. Pick up a brochure today at their office in the Jewett Community Center, Bridge St., Bucksport. For more information call 469-2129.

**TREASURE HUNTING:** You can find some amazing things at flea markets and antique malls. There are several located in the area.

Island Antiques, Rte. 1, Verona Island  
469-3735

**Carriage Shed Antiques, 580 Castine Rd.,  
Orland, 469-3354**

American Country Antiques: Bucksport, 469-1040  
Belcher's Antiques: 232 Ellsworth Rd., Blue Hill, 374-3751  
Blue Hill Antiques: 8 Water St., Blue Hill, 374-8825  
Cornucopia Antiques: Stockton Springs, 567-4017  
East Orland Antique Mall: 1404 Acadia Hwy., Orland, 469-7459  
Old Firehouse Antiques: 12 N. Deer Isle Rd., Deer Isle, 348-9978  
Penobscot Narrows: 368 Main St., Bucksport, 469-7500  
Pirates Den Antiques: Stonington  
The Clown: Main St., Stonington, 367-6348

**GIFTS FROM MAINE:** “My Aunt Went To Maine, And All She Brought Back Was... This Really Fun, Unique Gift?” Of course! In this area, there is a treasure-troth of wonderful gift & craft shops,

**Bittersweet Gift & Garden: 81 Main St., Bucksport, 469-5971**

**Silkweeds: Route 1, Searsport, 548-6501**

**B.C. Burke's Fine Jewelry: 1404 Acadia Hwy., Orland, 469-1000**

**BookStacks: 71 Main St., Bucksport, 469-8992**

**Ikebana Ware/Handmade Pottery: 186 Main St., Stockton Springs, 567-3030**

**Magical Memories Scrapbooking: 469-3931**

**Orland Pottery: 910 Castine Road, Orland, 469-2776**

**Stained Glass by Len: 8 Fox Run Rd., Orland 469-7475**

The Old Bank, LLC: 55 Main St., Bucksport, 469-7980

**Babstract: 101 Main St., Bucksport, 469-1912**

Blue Hill Yarn Shop: Rte. 172, Blue Hill, 374-5631

**Capt. Jabez Snowe, Shipbuilder: Bucksport, 469-7973**

Cobbler Shop: Orland, 469-7523

Coop's Digital Imaging: 109 Front Ridge Rd., Orland, 469-0626

Diane White, Artist: 836 River Rd, Bucksport, 469-7639

Dunlap Weavers: Orland, 469-3600

**Funtime Art Glass: 868 River Road, Bucksport, 469-6412**

**Purple Fleece: 103 School St., Stockton Springs, 323-1871**

Rackliffe Pottery: Ellsworth Road, Blue Hill, 374-2297

**Searsport Rug Hooking: 396 E. Main St., Searsport, 548-6100**

**SFB Enterprises: 149 Franklin St., 469-7755**

**Sundial Framing & Photography: 82 Main St., Bucksport, 469-6060**

The Dry Dock: Main St., Stonington, 367-5528

G.M. Allen's Wild Blueberry Patch Gift Shop: Rte. 15 Blue Hill, 469-7060

Harbor Farm: Rte. 15, Little Deer Isle, 348-7755

The Meadow of Blue Hill: 140 Main St., Blue Hill, 374-3733

New Cargoes on Blue Hill Bay: 49 Main St., Blue Hill, 374-3733

**FEED YOUR MIND: With a trip to an art gallery or Museum.**

Wilson Museum: 120 Perkins St., Castine, 326-9247

Deer Isle Granite Museum: Main St., Stonington, 367-6331

Blue Hill Historical Society-Holt House: 3 Water St., Blue Hill, 667-6829

Castine Historical Society: 17 School St., Castine, 326-4118, [www.castinehistoricalsociety.org](http://www.castinehistoricalsociety.org)

Deer Isle-Stonington Historical Society: Rte. 15A, Sunset, 367-8978

Jonathan Fisher House: Mines Rd., Blue Hill, 374-2459

Penobscot Historical Society: Rte. 199, Penobscot, 326-8617 or 326-8231

Fern Hill Gallery: 34 Meadow Rd., Stockton Springs, 567-4302

5 Elements Gallery & Windhorse Jewelry: 83 Main St., Bucksport, 469-2642

Blossom Studio & Gallery: Main St., Deer Isle, 348-5667

Blue Hill Heron Gallery: Rte. 15, Deer Isle, 348-2940

**Collins Galleries: Bucksport, 469-7143**

Carolyn Caldwell Studios: 433 S. Deer Isle Rd., Deer Isle, 348-6099

Deer Isle Artists Association: 6 Dow Rd., Deer Isle, 348-2330

Douglas E. Wilson, Blacksmith: 455 Eggemoggin Rd., Little Deer Isle, 348-6871

Dow Studio: Dow Rd., Deer Isle, 348-6498

**Fretz Goldsmiths: 20 Elm St., Bucksport, 469-2700**

Green Head Forge, Sculpture & Jewelry: Old Quarry Rd., Stonington, 367-2635

Handworks Gallery: 48 Main St., Blue Hill, 374-5613

Hartmann Gallery: 79 Main St., Blue Hill, 374-9917

Jud Hartman Gallery: Main St., Blue Hill, 374-9917

Balombini Studio: Main St., Blue Hill, 374-5142

Leighton Gallery: 24 Parker Point Rd., Blue Hill, 374-5001

Lester Terrell Gallery: 2 E. Main St., Deer Isle, 348-2676

Liros Gallery: 14 Parker Pt. Rd., Blue Hill, 374-5370/1-800-287-5370

McGrath Dunham Gallery: Main St., Castine, 326-9175

Mark Bell Pottery/Fine Porcelain: Mines Rd., Blue Hill, 374-5881

North Country Textiles: Corner of Main & Union St., Blue Hill, 374-2297

Peter Beerits Sculpture: Deer Isle, 348-6182

The Turtle Gallery: Rte. 15, Deer Isle, 348-9977

Wildflower Gallery: Cemetery Rd., Stonington, 367-2926