

CVOA STONINGTON SEPTEMBER MEETUP

SCHEDULE

Tuesday, September 9th-arrive, get settled in and explore at your leisure. There will be a meet up at 5:00 pm at the Deer Isle Music Hall & Barbecue, 653 Sunset Hall, Deer Isle 04627. (deerislemusichall.com) **This is a private event for CVOA. Owners have requested a head count for preparation purposes. RSVP to jparker16seabreeze@gmail.com. You can order from their food and beverage menu.**

Wednesday, September 10th-you're on your own today. Explore as you wish. Our only scheduled event is the CVOA cookout at the Parker's house, 16 NORTH Seabreeze, Stonington from 4:00-7:00pm. We live on a dead-end street...park anywhere!!, however, carpool if you can, bring beverages of your choice and bag chairs. Hamburgers and hot dogs provided by CVOA. **Please RSVP by Saturday, September 6 to confirm you will attend. WE ARE SHOPPING ON MONDAY FOR COOKOUT. Email jparker16seabreeze@gmail.com to coordinate food.** Appetizers, sides and desserts welcomed. As with all CVOA events, enough food is never an issue! ***not everyone will need to contribute...no worries; we got it covered!

Thursday, September 11-on your own one last time and, for some, departure.

ACCOMODATIONS

LIST OF MOTELS, B & B'S, CAMPGROUNDS, RV PARKS & ONLINE OPTIONS:

- Boyce's Motel <http://boycesmotel.com>-neat and clean motel in downtown Stonington
- Inn on the Harbor <http://innontheharbor.com>-also in downtown Stonington, right across the street from Boyce's Motel, rooms are literally "on the harbor"
- The Pilgrims Inn <http://pilgrimsinn.com>-a classic New England B&B in downtown Deer Isle
- Greenlaws RV Park & Campground <http://greenlawscampground.com>-well established RV park a short 5 minute drive from downtown Stonington
- Four Acre Woods Hip Campground <http://fouracrewoods.com>-located in Deer Isle, on the water, about a 15 minute drive to Stonington
- Island Real Estate for Air B&B rentals; info@theislandagency.com.

COFFEE SHOPS & RESTAURANTS

44 NORTH: Coffee & Pastries

Deer Isle - 7:00 - 3:00

Stonington - 6:30 - 5:00

STONECUTTERS....only restaurant serving breakfast

Open Wednesday - Sunday 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

CRYBABIES...great menu & food; huge portions!

Lunch & Dinner 11:00 - 8:00 - Closed Wednesdays

WHAT TO DO IN STONINGTON

Here are a few ideas for things to do while you are in Stonington. September is typically a beautiful month-the weather is comfortable, there are fewer people here now that schools are in session and most attractions and activities are possible.

The town of Stonington's website (stoningtonmaine.org) is an excellent resource to get your bearings about the area. On the homepage you will find information about the town's history, parking, and places to eat, sleep and play. The Dining & Food tab and the Art & Activities tab are especially helpful.

Here are a few options to consider-

Visit Greenhead Lobster (owned by Sugarloafer, Hugh Reynolds). Multiple QVC appearances.....always sells out!! **Search Greenhead Lobster on YOUTUBE.

The Isle au Haut ferry office and pier at 27 Seabreeze Avenue (isleauhautferryservice.com) has several departures daily for this beautiful island. You can hike and walk about the island. There are limited, meaning few, services available so be sure to pack food and beverages.

Eagle Island Mailboat: 20 passengers; round trip - departure @ 9:30 through September 15. Reservations: 207-701-9316

Stonington Lobster Boat Tours: 30 foot cabin cruiser; 90 minutes; until October 1st. Visit stoningtonboattours.com for rates and additional information.

Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries (coastalfisheries.org) located at 13 Atlantic Avenue has Discovery Wharf, an interactive experience about the ocean, its creatures and stories about life on the sea.

The Deer Isle Granite Museum, 51 Main Street, Stonington (deerislegranitemuseum.org) provides an excellent insight and history of how Stonington granite became famous around the world. Quarried at the still active Crotch Island, and many other now inactive locations, it was used to build many architecturally important structures in the United States and beyond.

Sea Kayak Stonington (seakayakstonington.com or call 207-266-2717) 9 Thurlow's Hill Road, specializes in ocean trips in and about the islands. All abilities are welcomed. Tandem or single kayaks are available. They will be having their annual September Paddlerama, a discounted rate for groups, while you are here. Reach out to Michael at SKS, via email or phone, let him know that you are with CVOA and he can add you to the list.

All of the above are within a stone's throw of each other in the downtown area. We're talking Stonington, Maine not Stonington, Connecticut.

Feel like spending some time by the ocean? Maybe even go swimming! Sand Beach is a great place to go. Just a mile from downtown, head west on Main Street. Take a left onto Greenhead Road and keep going straight. Greenhead Road turns into Sand Beach Road at Billings Marine, keep going straight (BM will be on your left). After a short twisty section of road the Sand Beach parking lot is on the left. You can explore either the pathway to the left of the beach or the rocks to the right, or simply relax on the beach. (We once heard a little boy ask his daddy why they called it Sand Beach because it's a bit rocky. In a thick Southern drawl daddy said "..... son, this is Maine sand". How true he was!)

The public landing and float is Hagen Dock in downtown. There is a two hour tie-up limit.

Trail Systems offer something for all ages and abilities: islandheritagetrust.org
In Stonington: Settlement Quarry - Gently sloped uphill walk into the preserve where views open up; 2 miles of short trails, old roads through former granite quarry.

Just a short drive up route 15 to Deer Isle is Nervous Nellies Jams and Jellys. Nellies is famous for their homemade jams and jellies that are sold and shipped all around the world. But even more interesting is Nellieville, a "town", including stores, hotels, laundry, saloon, churches, law offices, jail and many other establishments that you can amble about and see the many madcap sculptures. Everything is made from items "rescued", and carefully restored from the dump!!....oops, "transfer station". It's an interactive collection of odd and bizarre items. Don't miss this testament to creativity! Schedule a 40 minute walk and tour with artist Peter Beerits, 598 Sunshine Road, Deer Isle at nervousnellies.com.

Deer Isle Artisans Market, Church Street - Thursdays - 10-2 to mid-October
Local food artisans - glass art/jewelry - sweaters - scarves- wood turning, more!

Dry Dock: boutique & gifts Provisions: logo wear & souvenirs

Golf: Island Country Club is a beautiful 9 hole course that golfers of all abilities can enjoy. Tee times are required. 442 Sunset Road, Deer Isle 04627 207-348-2379 islandcountryclub.net

Tennis: schedule with Linda Allen veazielinda@gmail.com