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BOATING GUIDE

# Down East

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A white ceramic plate with a subtle concentric ring pattern is centered on a dark wood-grain table. A silver fork with a wooden handle is tucked under the left edge of the plate. The background is a warm, brown wooden surface.

## Where to Eat Now

*Maine's top chefs  
pick 50 favorite  
restaurants*

*plus*

Moose Point in Spring

on the premises. The proof is in the pizza. And in the summertime you can enjoy these square slices of goodness from the waterfront deck and watch the comings and goings of Portland harbor.

**Most Popular Pie:** The Coevolution: kalamata olives, fresh rosemary, red onions, oven roasted red peppers, goat cheese, mozzarella, garlic, cheese, and herbs.

### Thai Garden

491 Rte. 1, Freeport,  
207-865-6005.

This restaurant may look like every other strip-mall eatery in the state, but chefs like Jeff Landry of Eve's have discovered that this particular hole-in-the-wall located across from the Super 8 motel on Route 1 is worth making a separate trip — especially around dinnertime. Most popular for take-out (the

always fantastic. "You can sit down for a six-course feast (try the curries with a whole fish or a filet) or call ahead and curl up with Drunken Noodles on the couch at home.

**Top Thai Taste:** "I always order the fresh spring rolls with shrimp, nam sod with chicken, any of the curries, and their pad Thai is very good," remarks Landry.

### Back Bay Grill

65 Portland St., Portland,  
207-772-8833.

"A Portland favorite," according to Steve and Michelle Corry, this trusted eatery near Deering Oaks has been offering a traditional menu for more than a decade. Steve and Michelle Corry attest that it has the trifecta: "Very elegant food, service, and atmosphere. Plus an amazing wine list!" For a more casual experience,

**Most Talked about Dish:** Reviewers and regulars rave about anything that comes from the sea: cod, crab cakes, and tidbits with a salty p

### Stones

424 Walnut Hill Rd.,  
Yarmouth, 207-825-  
"To get a true feel of town in Maine, go-  
urges Eve's chef Jeff  
Tucked into the co-  
Route 115 and Ros-  
in North Yarmouth  
local gem. And no  
change out of your  
This extra casual r-  
joint serves up all  
breakfast food (70  
their business is b-  
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fare for lunch as w-  
to check out their  
specials, as chef-o-  
Cole and Caitie M-  
whip up dishes of

**Best Breakfast:** C  
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corned beef hash  
lovers omelet. I  
your morning fa-  
to the baked goo-  
every morning, I  
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cake or the cinn-

**Saturday at Stor-**  
second Saturday  
month, the own-  
together an ups-  
Appetizer favor-  
Vidalia dip, scr-  
homemade Tus-  
bacon-wrapped  
watermelon tin-

## trendy schmendy

"Locavore — we both disagree with the concept. Just because it is local doesn't mean it is good. . . . I'm not going to support anything local that is inferior, and believe me, there are a lot of inferior local products out there.

We consider the Earth as local."

— Erik Desjarlais and Krista Kern