Walk through time
Long before the first automobile arrived on Mount Desert Island, Bar Harbor was a thriving village to be enjoyed by foot. Early visitors arrived by steamship, not unlike the almost 100 cruise ship visits we welcome each year.

Today millions of visitors also arrive by car. Many are unaware of the abundant opportunities for walking in the village of Bar Harbor—for health, historic and natural viewscapes, shopping, people-watching, or simply for fun.

This map was created to highlight some of the local sites of interest and includes possible village walking routes. Also noted on the map are public parking facilities, information, public restrooms, cruise tender locations, and village trails along the shore and connecting Bar Harbor with the nearby trails of Acadia National Park.

Whether you are enjoying Bar Harbor for the first time or as a life-long resident, we encourage you to experience Bar Harbor by foot!

Bar Harbor by foot was started by:
- Acadia Scenic Byway, MDOT/FHWA
- Friends of Acadia, Acadia Trails Forever
- Healthy Acadia, a Healthy Maine Partnership

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Enjoy your walk, and during your visit to Bar Harbor please remember the following:
Purchase an Acadia National Park pass. Passes fund vital park maintenance projects and may be purchased at the Village Green Information Center, the Park Visitors’ Center in Hull’s Cove, and the fee station on the Park Loop Road.

Hook up and pick up! Dogs are welcome in Bar Harbor but please remember to keep them leashed and pick up after them.

For safety’s sake, please cross the road in designated pedestrian crosswalks.

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1. The Village Green
   A center of community life, the Village Green is host to concerts, art shows, and events. This spot was once the site of the 350-room Grand Central Hotel, which was razed and the land sold to the town of Bar Harbor at the turn of the century.

2. Bar Harbor Green Market
   Local produce, fresh cut flowers and more. Wednesdays 9am–1pm, across from the Island Explorer transfer stop.

3. Jesup Memorial Library
   This Colonial Revival-style library was completed in 1911. Step inside, browse the collection, and be sure to look up. Small in stature, it is expansive and abundant in classical architectural details and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

4. St. Saviour's Episcopal Church
   Constructed in 1877, this wood and stone structure includes a memorial to the town's Civil War residents and people from throughout the region joined the cottages incorporate elements of the Shingle Style. Along this street offer a glimpse of Bar Harbor's historic summer community before the Fire of 1947. Many of the cottages incorporate elements of the Shingle Style.

5. 1947 Fire Line
   The Holbrook House on Mt. Desert Street stands just on the edge of the 1947 Fire Line. Much of Bar Harbor to the west of this line was burned while the eastern sections of downtown were spared by a change in the wind. The fire began in October after more than four months without rain—the driest conditions in 300 years according to the Maine Weather Bureau. Island residents and people from throughout the region joined together to fight the blaze that ultimately destroyed a total of 56 homes, 67 out of 222 summer cottages, 170 out of 667 permanent homes, The Jackson Laboratory, and 10,000 acres of Acadia National Park.

6. Bar Harbor Municipal Building
   Built in 1908 for $7,000, the municipal building houses the town office and provides public restrooms. The building was originally the Bar Harbor High School, graduating its last class in 1968.

7. Dorr Museum of Natural History at College of the Atlantic
   Learn about Maine’s native animals and plants through exhibits produced by College of the Atlantic students. The exhibits portray how Maine species interact with their natural or human-altered environments. The museum is partially housed in the original Acadia National Park headquarters building, personally built by George B. Dorr. Mr. Dorr spearheaded the effort to create a national park through donations of private land—much of that effort took place in the building that the Dorr Museum has preserved.

8. Bar Harbor History Museum
   Explore the cultures, history, and archaeology of the Native American heritage at the Abbe.

9. Bar Harbor Post Office
   Stamps and more! The Bar Harbor Post Office is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and considered a notable example of the architectural eclecticism expressed during the early 1900s. The building is constructed of signature white granite mined from the Spruce Head Quarries in South Thomaston, Maine.

10. Shore Path
    More than a century old, this level walking path follows the shore of Frenchman Bay from the town pier to Wayman Lane. It passes one of Bar Harbor's oldest inns and several historic summer "cottages." The Porcupine Islands, Balance Rock, Egg Rock Light, and the Schoodic Peninsula are just a few of the coastal sights along the way. There are many options for this route, ranging from a romantic stroll to an easy one-hour hike.

11. Athletic Field
    Join a game of frisbee or cheer for your favorite Little League team at the athletic field, donated to the town in 1914 by Mrs. John S. Kennedy. During the 1880s and 1890s this was also the site of a thriving Native American marketplace where crafters and guides peddled their goods and services. The shade trees bordering the field were planted by George B. Dorr, one of the founders of Acadia National Park. Acadia's original headquarters were once housed across the street at the corner of Main and Park Streets.

12. YMCA
    The MDI YMCA has year-round facilities including a gym, fitness room, and swimming pool, in addition to classes and children's programs. Visitors can purchase short-term and one-day passes. The Ymca is open seven days a week.

13. Eden Farmers' Market
    A center of community life, the Village Green is host to concerts, art shows, and events. This spot was once the site of the 350-room Grand Central Hotel, which was razed and the land sold to the town of Bar Harbor at the turn of the century.

14. West Street Historic District
    Built between the 1870s and 1930s, the "cottages" along this street offer a glimpse of Bar Harbor's historic summer community before the Fire of 1947. Many of the cottages incorporate elements of the Shingle Style. Most of the cottages are landscaped and must be viewed from the public walkways. This 25-acre district is on the National Register of Historic Places.

15. Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce
    Stop in here for information on restaurants, sights to see, and any other questions you may have about your visit. Information on the CAT Ferry to Nova Scotia is also available here.