



Beer Destinations 3

Southern Maine Edition

Love craft beer? Want to find out where it's made? Looking for new brews that you've heard or read about? Well here's an opportunity to find out about all of these things and more!

This is the third of a series of articles providing information about what I refer to as 'Beer Destinations' and will give you a bit of knowledge about multiple brewery spots in the greater New England area. In this series, I will try to select a number of breweries to travel to in one trip where you can sample their offerings, move on to the next, and manage to hit them all if you're up for the challenge...

There are a BUNCH of great breweries out there making terrific beer just for you! I live in New Hampshire, but in this issue, we will focus on southern Maine and its

plentiful beer production along this coastal region.

There are over 90 breweries in Maine alone with that number increasing every year. The term 'brewery' refers to a nano or micro brew-on-premise establishment (usually with food), tap or tasting room, or even a macro brewery, such as the likes of Budweiser.

The Southern Maine area has a cluster of awesome brewers churning out such great beer. The best way to approach finding these great breweries is to travel from south to north, so this article will outline each location as if you were traveling by car northward, from Kittery to Portland.

Kittery

- **Tributary Brewing Company**, 10 Shapleigh Road, Kittery, was founded in 2014 by brewing legend Todd Mott who helped make Portsmouth Brewery famous in the 1990's.

Their tasting room shares large glass windows that allow visitors a glimpse of the 20 barrel brewery. Flights and growlers are for sale as

well as light food. Their motto says it all; One Tributary Leads To Another.

- **Woodland Farms Brewery**, 306 US Rt 1, Kittery, is conveniently located near the Kittery Outlets and is a 3 barrel brewery and 50 seat tasting room. They pride themselves on small batch lagers and sours. Coming from a family tradition of dairy farming, cows can still be found close by but their focus today is making loyal fans with awesome beers. Find them at www.facebook.com/woodlandfarmsbrewery.



York

- **The York River Landing**, 150 US Rt 1, York, caters to the discerning visitor who wants both good food and great beers and wine. With 36 taps, you will need to make this a stop every time you pass through the area. Their website has all of their food menu items, drinks and beers listed so you can see what's available before you go there. Find out all about them at TheYorkRiverLanding.com

- **SoMe Brewing Company**, 1 York Street, York, is a father-son collaboration which began in 2013 with a small pilot brewing system. They are now at a 15 barrel capacity to produce some great recipes. Their Crystal Persuasion double IPA and Apostrophe IPA are real crowd pleasers. They are canning and bottling with sales in both Maine and NH. Find out more about them at www.facebook.com/SomeBrewingCo.



Wells

- **Hidden Cove Brewing**, 73 Mile Road, Wells, produces well crafted beers available in both 12 oz cans and 22 oz bottles and distributed around Maine and NH. They offer year round, seasonal and barrel aged selections which makes your purchase options more interesting. Read all about their efforts at www.hiddencovebrewingcompany.com

Kennebunk

- **Federal Jack's Restaurant and Brew Pub**, 8 Western Ave, Kennebunk, offers great food choices

while you relax with ocean views and great beers and fine wines. The name stems back from one of the most famous sailing ships built nearby in the early 1900's. But since 1992, they brewed their own craft beer on premises. Demand quickly outnumbered their ability and Shipyard Brewing Company was started in Portland. See their website, www.federaljacks.com





Lyman

- **Funky Bow Brewery**, *Ledgewood Lane, Lyman*, is a 3 year old father-son brewery that is now canning their offerings and distributing throughout Maine, NH and VT. With roots in farming and landscaping, brewing beer seemed to be a fairly easy transition. See all of what their website has to offer at www.funky-bowbeercompany.com

Biddeford:

- **Banded Horn Brewing**, *32 Maine Street, Biddeford*, set up their brew space with a 150 year old mill building. With over 15 beers to their claim to fame including Daikaiju double IPA (amazing!!!), Banded Horn is helping put Maine on the New England beer scene in a big way. Check out their website for current beers and more; www.bandedhorn.com

- **Dirigo Brewing Company**, *28 Pearl Street, Biddeford*, borrows its name from the original state's motto, Dirigo is latin for I Lead. In their straight forward tasting room, you can get flights of their offerings and choose the one you want to take home in a growler bottle. Visit them at www.dirigobrewingcompany.com

Saco:

- **Run of the Mill Public House and Brewery**, *100 Main Street, Saco*, is a 14 barrel brew pub right across the bridge from Biddeford so visiting Funky, Banded and Run of



the Mill makes for a quick jaunt. Get great tasting pub food with a flare and enjoy their craft beer offerings at the same time. Check out their menu and everything else about them at www.therunofthemill.net

- **Barreled Souls Brewing Company**, *743 Portland Road, Saco*, with 12 rotating taps of their craft recipes fermented in oak barrels, this is a must on your beer destination list. Look at their site and especially view their beer lists; www.barreledsouls.com



Gorham:

- **Sebago Brewing Company**, *48 Sanford Drive, Gorham*, has been brewing great beers since 1998 and still has the original brewmaster. With year round and seasonals, Sebago distributes throughout New England. Their pub food is amazing but their beer is what really draws their fans. And there are four different locations to visit. See what else there is to know about Sebago at www.sebagobrewing.com

South Portland:



- **Fore River Brewing**, *45 Huntress Ave, South Portland*, opened in early 2015, with three owners doing all of the work to bring about a rustic tasting room and brewery. They specialize in traditional styles with a twist or two.

Visit their website at www.fore-riverbrewing.com

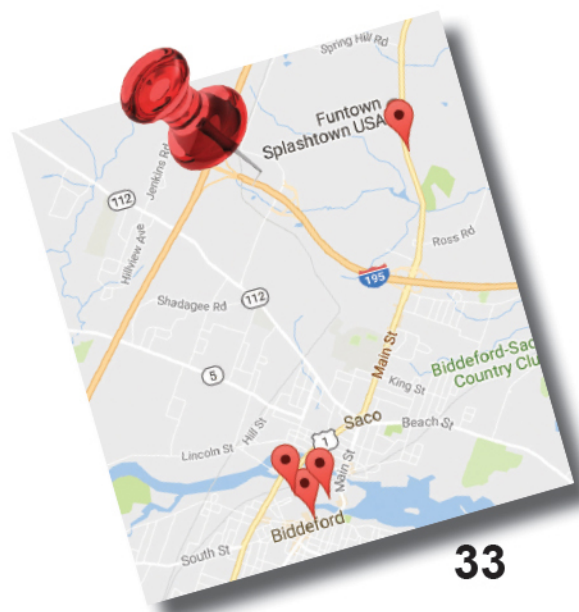
- **Island Dog Brewing**, *125 John Roberts Road, South Portland*, began in 2016 by a couple who are following their dream of producing true Belgian and German inspired beers. Brewed

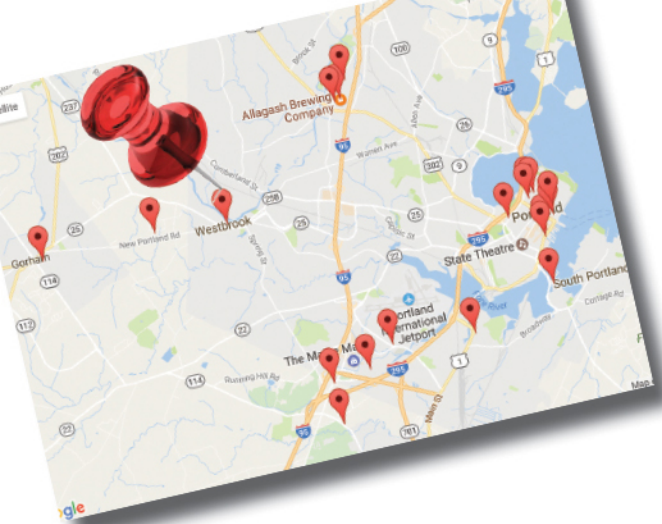
in small batches with the perfection level of much larger breweries, Island Dog is winning over loyalty with their offerings. Stop in and taste some great beer and see what's on tap. www.islanddogbrewing.com/location

- **Sea Dog Brew Pub**, *1 Bowdoin Mill Island, Topsham*, right next to South Portland, Sea Dog began its journey back in 1993 and incorporated rich New England sea-faring history along with old world English brewing traditions to bring a refreshingly different beer offerings to its admiring public. This location is one of seven within Maine and Florida. Visit their site to find out more about this great company; www.seadogbrewing.com



- **Foulmouthed Brewing**, *15 Ocean Street, South Portland*, is where good pub food and great beer invite folks to meet. The name is derived from the region which was known as Falmouth and has a deep shipping history. See what's on tap and their dinner menu at www.foul-mouthedbrewing.com





Portland:

• **Liquid Riot**, 250 Commercial Street, Portland, offers some of the most intriguing and hip food, drink, and beer pairing you'll ever experience. All of their brewed-on-premises offerings will have you back time and again. See what they are all about at liquidriot.com



• **Shipyard Brewing Company**, 86 Newbury Street, Portland, is probably the widest know brewery in Maine. Conceived originally at Federal Jack's, Shipyard grew out of demand for great beer and Shipyard was opened in 1994. With an informative brewery tour and intriguing tasting room, you can grab flights and growlers to go. See them at shipyard.com



• **Gritty McDuff's**, 396 Fore Street, Portland, is one of three locations (also in Lewiston and Auburn) of this old New England style pub where food and ales is just what they do. Their winning style earned them 'Maine's Best Brew Pub' award recently. Check them out at grittys.com

• **Peak Organic Brewing Company**, 110 Marginal Way #802, Portland, finishes our destination tour in a big way because it is one of the most widely known and distributed breweries in New England. With a focus on freshness and quality ingredients, Peak will be well worth the trip. Their IPA's are especially unique and full flavored, winning award after award. Visit them at peakbrewing.com



Another way to experience these brewery destinations is to catch a ride on one of the Maine Brew Bus tours out of Portland. They organize groups of tours so you can choose which breweries you most want to see.

Learn more by visiting their website:
themainebeerbus.com

And a cool way to track which breweries you've visited in Maine is by using the check-off map and website link page from BrewTrail.com. They provide a ton of info and keep it up to date month by month.

There is just so much to see and enjoy in the southern Maine area and is well worth making it a Beer Destination