



41ST ANNUAL

WHATEVER 2018 FAMILY FESTIVAL

June 13 - July 4



**Greater
Gardiner
River
Festival**

Saturday, June 23

**The
Great
Race**

Tuesday, June 26

**Kennebec
River Day
& Brewfest**

Saturday, June 30

**Capital
City
Riverfront
Fourth**

Wednesday, July 4





**KATIE DOHERTY
KENNEBEC VALLEY
CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE
PRESIDENT & CEO**

Hey Central Maine,

Are you ready to celebrate summer in the Kennebec Valley? The Whatever Family Festival is celebrating its 41st anniversary, and we are proud to keep the tradition going strong!

With more than 120 events activities – nearly all free – over a three-week period, we will all celebrate with family and friends. These events are held throughout the Kennebec Valley from June 13 through July 4.

The Chamber in past years has organized Kid’s Day in Capitol Park but has transformed this day into the Kennebec River Day! The Kennebec River Day will be held at Mill Park along the mighty Kennebec River and will have activities for all ages. Children will be occupied with games and activities while adults can spend time at different vendor booths or the three stages of entertainment. The Chamber continues to transform this day with the addition of the Kennebec River Brewfest, a craft beer festival featuring local Maine breweries. The Chamber is excited to bring everyone together for a day in Augusta to celebrate our community.

Aside from Kennebec River Day in Mill Park, the Whatever Festival includes the Blistered Fingers Bluegrass Festival in Litchfield, the Greater Gardiner River Festival, the Great Race stop in Gardiner, the 16th annual Friends on the 4th 5K in Winthrop, Independence Day at Old Fort Western and Augusta’s Capital City Riverfront Fourth just to name a few.

Please take a moment to read through our list of sponsors and make a point to thank them for their support of this endeavor. I would like to recognize the support of our major sponsors: Everett J. Prescott, Inc., G-Force Adventures, and MaineGeneral Health. Thanks to the many sponsors of the Kennebec Valley Chamber’s unique family fun festival and to the hundreds of volunteers who help share the fun!

Check out the calendar of events and schedule your own family’s Whatever fun!

Sincerely, Katie Doherty, President & CEO, Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce

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Andrew Silsby, President & Chief Executive Officer

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Whatever Family Festival

June 13 – July 4, 2018

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Blistered Fingers Bluegrass Festival scheduled for June 13 – 17

One of New England's Largest Family Bluegrass Festival

Blistered Fingers Bluegrass Festival is celebrating our 50th festival at the Litchfield Fairgrounds (30 Plains Road, Litchfield, Maine). Directions are located on the flyers or on the Web site. The festival grounds have a big stage that was built in 2010, Indoor bathroom facilities, four free hot showers and numerous water hookups throughout the grounds, and electrical hookups. There will be several types of vendors located on the grounds. The festival location has that 'Welcome Home' Country atmosphere. Everyone who attends loves our camping grounds. We also have a lot of Field picking through the whole time of the festival." said Sandy Cormier, the promoter of the festival along with her husband, Greg Cormier.

We have the Blistered Fingers Kids Academy. Blistered Fingers has a free, relaxed, informative three day music program for children for ages 6-18. The focus is how to play, sing and perform bluegrass music. Students can bring their own instruments and will commit to the three day program. The kids all get a Free T-Shirt and perform a couple of songs as a group on Main stage.

The gates will open at 8 a.m. on Sunday, June 10, 2018. Weekend tickets for each festival will cover four days of great music and camping from Wednesday to Saturday and Sunday Morning Gospel Sing Along and Jam.

Performers:

- Blue Highway (TN) Sat**
- Michael Cleveland & Flamekeeper (IN)..... T**
- David Parmley & The Cardinal Tradition (TN) .. F**
- Little Roy & Lizzy Long (GA)..... Sat**
- Danny Paisley & The Southern Grass (PA)..... F**
- The Dave Adkins Band (KY) Sat**
- Zink & Company (MA)..... Sat**
- The Misty Mountaineers (ME)..... T, F**
- Tony & Heather Mabe (SC) F**
- The Baker Family (MO)..... W, T**
- Back Woods Road (ME) W, F**
- Bluegrass Gospel Sing & Jam (MA)Sun**
- And Your Host Band:**
- Blistered Fingers (ME)..... Sat**

Prices are per person. Tickets available at the gate. Earl Bird Camping (Sunday, Monday & Tuesday before festival) \$10/ day per camper. All four days with FREE camping- \$90. Children 16 and under Free with paying adult. Wednesday only - \$15. Thursday only- \$20. Friday only- \$35 after 5:00 p.m. - \$25. Saturday only- \$35 after 5:00 p.m. - \$25.

Sunday – FREE with Weekend pass. Dogs- \$10. Power- \$35 for your entire stay. For additional information, visit the Web site at BlisteredFingers.com or contact Sandy Cormier at blis-f@blisteredfingers.com, or (207) 873-6539.

About Blistered Fingers: Voted 1 of out the 10 Top festivals to attend. Some of the greatest Bluegrass music can be heard at one of the largest family musical events in New England. Blistered Fingers is a fast-moving traditional Bluegrass Band from the central Maine area that travels extensively around the northeast and eastern Canada. Blistered Fingers' obvious love of bluegrass, their fans, and field picking makes Blistered Fingers a special group with their delightful mix of original material, soulful ballads and hard driving traditional bluegrass music with a little good humor brings in. The Bluegrass Festival takes place twice every year and brings thousands of music lovers from all over the world to Litchfield, Maine, to hear banjos, fiddles, and high, lonesome harmonies. This event features many worldwide and local bands. This festival has something for all ages and has occurred every June and August since 1991.



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Whatever Family Festival kicks off with the Blistered Fingers Family Bluegrass Music Festival on June 13.

Y'al! Come-Have Fun!



50th Anniversary

*....don't just hear about it!
Experience it!*





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At Kennebec River Day, toy truck collections are brought to life with Touch-a-Truck.



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Live music and entertainment is available on three stages in Mill Park throughout Kennebec River Day on June 30, 2018.

Kennebec River Day and Kennebec River Brewfest set for June 30 in Mill Park

In past years, the Kennebec Valley Chamber has organized the Kid's Day in Capitol Park but, new last year, the Kid's Day in Capitol Park was transformed to Kennebec River Day. The Kennebec River Day brings the tradition back to the Kennebec River as it is held at Mill Park along the mighty river. Scheduled from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 30, the Kennebec River Day is an event for all ages!

With three stages of live music and entertainment, event goers can expect to be entertained throughout the day by a variety of performances, including dance performances, a karate demonstration, country music and a special performance of covers from all genres by the Air National Guard Band of the Northeast.

Touch-a-Truck brings a toy truck collection to life. The Augusta Fire Department will be on hand with its fire truck and ambulance displays. They will also demonstrate the Jaws of Life on a real vehicle. Other specialty trucks will be on site, including an O&P glass truck and a Zamboni from the Maine Ice Vault.

There will be dozens of free games and activities throughout the park. A 150-foot inflatable military-style obstacle course with tires, giant barriers, a robe swing and a vertical wall to climb will be available for friends to challenge each other and see who has the skills to win. The knights in shining armor put on an amazing show jousting, fencing and more in period

costumes. Other activities include making slime, disc golf, face painting, a dunk tank, meet and greet with retired race dogs and lawn games.

If people work up an appetite taking part in all of the activities, there will be a lot of food to choose from! Food vendors will be serving up dishes ranging from the traditional burger and fries to Philippine food, to fried pickles, to Mac & Cheese and so many more delicious options.

The Kennebec River Day wouldn't be possible without the support of all the sponsors. Many thanks to our Major Sponsors — Everett J Prescott, G-Force Adventures and MaineGeneral Health — for their support of this great event! Join us Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 30 for free family fun!

Stage Schedule:

B98.5 Stage

11 a.m.-4 p.m. Country Music

Family Fun Stage

11 a.m.-12 p.m. Karate Demonstrations

Noon-1 p.m. Peter and the Wolf

dance performance

1-2 p.m. K-9 Demonstrations

2-3 p.m. Kids Zumba

3-4 p.m. Taiko Drummers

MIX 107.9 Stage

11 a.m.-12 p.m. Live Broadcasting

Noon-1 p.m. & 2-3 p.m.

Air National Guard Band

of the Northeast

The Kennebec River Brewfest focuses on local, Maine beer and features more than 10 breweries from around the state and 30 different beers. From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 30, the Brewfest will be held under the pavilion in Mill Park with surrounding green space available for attendees to enjoy the beautiful Maine summer weather.

Food vendors, live music, lawn games and more will all be within reach of the Kennebec River Brewfest as it takes place in the middle of the Kennebec River Day.

Each Brewfest attendee will receive a wrist band, including a special wrist band for the Designated Drivers. VIP ticket holders receive unlimited, 4-ounce tastings, a souvenir tasting glass, a free T-shirt and an hour early access to the Brewfest. VIP access is brought to participants by Damon's Beverage Mart & Redemption, Augusta.

General admission ticket holders receive six, 4-ounce tastings, a souvenir tasting glass and admission to the Brewfest from Noon to 4 p.m. Designated Driver ticket holders receive a complimentary water and access to the Brewfest. Tickets can be purchased online at www.KennebecValleyChamber.com or at the door.

Attending Breweries:

- Baxter Brewing Co.
- Bigelow Brewing Company
- Cushnoc Brewing Co.
- Definitive Brewing Company
- Flight Deck Brewing

- Grateful Grain Brewing Company
- The Liberal Cup
- Liberty Craft Brewing
- Tumbledown Brewing
- Two Gramps Brewing
- Waterville Brewing Company



2018 WHATEVER FAMILY FESTIVAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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**BLISTERED FINGERS FAMILY
BLUEGRASS MUSIC FESTIVAL (\$\$)**

Litchfield Fairgrounds

6 p.m. **Wednesday, June 13**

4 p.m. **Thursday, June 14**

10 a.m.-10 p.m. **Friday, June 15**

10 a.m.-10 p.m. **Saturday, June 16**

9 a.m. **Sunday, June 17**

Monday, June 18

6:30 p.m. **GET OUTSIDE: EXPLORE
THE AUGUSTA TRAILS**

Lithgow Library

Wednesday, June 20

10 a.m. -10 p.m.

WATERFRONT WEDNESDAY

Waterfront Park,

Downtown Augusta

Friday, June 22

7 p.m. **A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM:
MASQUERADE BALL (\$\$)**

Augusta Downtown Alliance

SKOSH

Johnson Hall Summer

Waterfront Concert Series

Gardiner Waterfront Park

9 p.m. **FIREWORKS**

Pyro City, Gardiner Waterfront Park

Saturday, June 23

GREATER GARDINER RIVERFEST

www.gardinermainstreet.org

7 a.m.-11a.m.

ICE CREAM BREAKFAST

Boys & Girls Club of

Kennebec Valley

8 a.m.-10 a.m.

**WOMEN OF CHRIST PANCAKE
BREAKFAST & LAWN SALE (\$\$)**

Women of Christ Church,

1 Dresden Ave.

YOGA ON THE BOARDWALK

WITH KIM NIXON

Waterfront Park

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Gardiner Public Library, 582-3312

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**17th ANNUAL GARDINER
ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL**

Maine Artists & Artisans; Specialty

Food Vendors; Local Restaurants;

Water Street

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Johnson Hall Mini Park

**BOARD BREAKING
AND KIDS ACTIVITIES**

MIKA

**BODY MASS SCREENINGS
AND ANALYSIS**

Curves

**BLACKSMITH DEMO WITH
ROBERT STEVENS & ZACH LEE**

Waterfront Park

**BUBBLE WAND &
BUBBLE PAINTING**

Children's Discovery Museum,

Waterfront Park

CHILDREN'S

ACTIVITY TABLE

Food for Thought Backpack

Program, Waterfront Park

**COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION
SHOWCASE**

Waterfront Park

DRUM CIRCLE

Pump Deck

**FACE PAINTING, BALLOONS,
POPCORN & KIDS ACTIVITIES**

Grace Community Chapel,

Waterfront Park

**GAMES FOR SENIORS AND
CHILDREN**

Oldies but Goodies

GIANT JENGA

Gardiner Democratic Committee

**HOCKEY AND SKATING
ACTIVITIES**

Skating Association of Maine

**MAGIC WAND CRAFT
& WISH BOARD**

Augusta Housing, Waterfront

Park

**MAKE A FLOWER CROW AND
FAIRY HOMES IN THE FAIRY
VILLAGE**

ROBOT DRIVING DEMOS

The Gardiner Robotics Club,

Waterfront Park

**STORY WALKS &
NATURE HUNTS**

Literacy Volunteers of Greater

Augusta, Waterfront Park

11-11:45 a.m.

AMPERSAND DANCE

PERFORMANCE

Johnson Hall Mini Park

11 a.m.- Noon.

JOSH LANDRY'S LIVE

CHAINSAW SHOW

Waterfront Park, 582-3100

BALLOON ANIMALS

Johnson Mini Park and

Waterfront Park

11 a.m.- 4 p.m.

FREE BOAT RIDES

Friends of the Cobbossee

Watershed, Waterfront

12-1 p.m. **JACK DUGGINS MUSIC**

Johnson Hall Mini Park

12-4 p.m. **BALLOON ANIMALS**

Waterfront Park

1-2 p.m. **LOGAN JOHNSTON**

Johnson Hall Mini Park

2-3:30 p.m.

SPARE PARTS BAND

Waterfront Stage

3 - 4:30 p.m.

LIVE MUSIC

Waterfront Stage

6 - 7:30 p.m.

LEXI JAMES

Waterfront Stage

7:45- 9 p.m.

GARDINER TALENT SHOW

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Waterfront Park, 582-7144

9 p.m. **GARDINER FCU FIREWORKS**

Waterfront Park

Also on June 23

9 a.m. **PE'TANQUE TOURNAMENT**

Mill Park Pe'tanque

7:30 p.m. **PRIDE@PREJUDICE**

OPENING NIGHT (\$\$)

Theater at Monmouth

Tuesday, June 26

**THE GREAT RACE - GARDINER, MAINE
STOP**

2 - 9 p.m.

FOOD TRUCKS

3 p.m.

PARKING SHUTTLE BEGINS

(WATER STREET CLOSED)

CLASSIC CAR CRUISE-IN

Waterfront Park

5-7 p.m.

GREAT RACE CARS ARRIVE

Water Street

5:45 - 7 p.m.

SPARE PARTS

7:30 - 9 p.m.

THE SCOTT DAVIS QUINTET

FIREWORKS

Waterfront Park

9 p.m.

PARKING SHUTTLE ENDS

Wednesday, June 27

6 p.m.

WATERFRONT WEDNESDAY

Waterfront Park, Downtown Augusta

6:30 p.m.

DIY FERMENTATION:

SAUERKRAUT, KOMBUCHA

& VINEGAR

Lithgow Library

Thursday, June 28

10 a.m. **MAD SCIENCE: SOUNDS
LIKE SCIENCE**

Lithgow Library

Friday, June 29

6 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.

BEL SOLE

Johnson Hall Summer Waterfront

Concert, Gardiner Waterfront Park

Saturday, June 30

1 p.m. **THE TRUE STORY OF LITTLE
RED, OPENING NIGHT (\$\$)**

Theater at Monmouth

7:30 p.m. **BLACK FLY FOLLIES (\$\$)**

Theater at Monmouth

Sunday, July 1

6 p.m. **SNOW POND SYMPHONY (\$\$)**

The Bowl at Snow Pond

7:30 p.m. **NEMC FACULTY RECITALS**

Snow Pond

Wednesday, July 4

**CAPITAL CITY RIVERFRONT FOURTH
City of Augusta**

10 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

THE 4TH AT THE FORT

Old Time Independence

Day Celebration

2:30 p.m. **LIVE MUSIC**

Market Square, Augusta

4 p.m. **4TH OF JULY PARADE**

State Capitol to State Street to

Water Street to Fort Western

City of Augusta

5:30 p.m. **HAYRIDES, VENDORS, BOUNCE
HOUSES & FARMERS MARKET**

Mill Park, Augusta Recreation

6 p.m. **LIVE MUSIC**

Mill Park, Augusta Recreation

9:15 p.m. **FIREWORKS**

Mill Park, City of Augusta

Also on July 4

8 a.m. **FRIENDS ON THE 4TH 5K - RUN,
JOG OR WALK**

Friends of the Cobbossee

Watershed, Norcross Point,

Winthrop

Dusk **WINTHROP FIREWORKS**

Winthrop Area Chamber of

Commerce, Norcross Point,

Winthrop

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SATURDAY, JUNE 30TH | KENNEBEC RIVER DAY IN MILL PARK & KENNEBEC RIVER BREWFEST RAIN LOCATION - AUGUSTA CIVIC CENTER

FAMILY FUN STAGE

11 a.m.- 4 p.m.
Emceed by 92 Moose Personalities
 11 a.m.- Noon
KARATE DEMONSTRATION
 MIKA Fit
 Noon-1 p.m.
PETER AND THE WOLF DANCE PERFORMANCE
 Kennebec Dance Centre
 1-2 p.m. **K-9 DEMONSTRATIONS**
 Merrill's Detector Dogs
 2-3 p.m. **KIDS ZUMBA DEMO**
 Kennebec Valley YMCA
 3-4 p.m. **TAIKO DRUMMERS**
 Hall-Dale Drumming Club

B98.5 STAGE

11 a.m.- 4 p.m.
COUNTRY MUSIC
 B98.5 – Townsquare Media

MIX 107.9 STAGE

11 a.m. - Noon
LIVE BROADCASTING/ REMOTE MUSIC
 Mix 107.9
 Noon -1 p.m. & 2-3 p.m.
AIR NATIONAL GUARD BAND OF THE NORTHEAST
 Performing Covers From All Genres

KENNEBEC RIVER BREWFEST

11a.m. VIP Entry
 Noon General Admission Entry
21+ EVENT
VIP Tickets \$50 | \$55 at the door
 Souvenir tasting glass, unlimited 4oz tastings, free T-shirt
VIP brought to you by Damon's Beverage Mart & Redemption - Augusta
General Admission \$20 | \$25 at the door
 Souvenir tasting glass, six 4oz tastings
Designated Driver \$5
 Access to Brewfest, complimentary water
Baxter Brewing Co.
Bigelow Brewing Company
Cushnoc Brewing Co.
Definitive Brewing Company
Flight Deck Brewing
Grateful Grain Brewing Company
The Liberal Cup
Liberty Craft Brewing
Tumbledown Brewing
Two Gramps Brewing
Waterville Brewing Company

ACTIVITIES

11 a.m.- 4 p.m.

BALL TOSS GAME, COLORINGS & EYEGASS FRAMES
 Smart EyeCare Center
BOOK READINGS & PBS CHARACTERS
 Maine Publics & Darling's
BUBBLE CREATERS, NATURE JOURNALING & GAMES
 Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed
CORN HOLE
 Healthy Communities of the Capital Area
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 Maine Publics & Darling's
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 Grace Christian Academy
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 Baby Wearing International of Central Maine

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 The Paper Store

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 City of Augusta

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 G-Force Adventures

JAWS OF LIFE DEMO
 Augusta Fire Department

LIVE HISTORICAL REENACTMENT
 Society for Creative Anachronism

MACARONI NECKLACE CRAFT
 A Family for ME

MAKE SLIME
 Workshop Radio Network: The Arrow

MEET RETIRED RACE DOGS
 Maine Greyhound Placement Services

MEET AND GREET WITH OFFICERS
 Augusta Police Department

PLANTING VEGGIES
 Healthy Communities of the Capital Area

PRIZE WHEEL, GAMES & EARNIE THE STARFISH
 cPort Credit Union

SENSORY TABLE
 Kennebec Valley YMCA

TRAIN RIDES (\$\$)
 Roaming Railroad



MAP OF MILL PARK

There will be handicap parking in the Mill Park parking lot. Additional parking will be throughout downtown. A shuttle will be available to take attendees to and from the event.

TOUCH-A-TRUCK

11 a.m.- 4 p.m.

CONSTRUCTION VEHICLE
 Lajoie Brothers

FIRETRUCKS
 Augusta Fire Department

GLASS RACK TRUCK
 Oakes & Parkhurst Glass

HEAVY DUTY & LIGHT DUTY TOW TRUCKS
 KDT Towing

JACKED UP TUNDRA
 Capital 95.9

TOW TRUCK
 Statewide Towing

ZAMBONI
 Maine Ice Vault

FOOD VENDORS

11 a.m.- 4 p.m.

CHICKEN BASKETS, FRIES, DOUGHBOYS
 Ken's Family Restaurant

MAC & CHEESE, CHILI, FRIED PICKLES, CORN DOGS & MORE
 Shut Up N' Eat it

HOT DOGS, HAMBURGERS & COTTON CANDY
 Manchester Lions Club

PHILIPPINE FOOD
 Kabayan Philippine Food Truck

WOOD FIRED OVEN PIZZA
 Steel House Oven

WOOD-FIRED OVEN PRETZELS
 Walter Shea

VENDORS

11 a.m.- 4 p.m.

CRAFTS & BASKETS
 Dianne Wheeler

LULAROE
 Shannon Carpenter





Gardiner alive with activity during the festival

Summer unfolds in Gardiner with two popular community events. Johnson Hall Performing Arts Center leads off the summer festivities at Waterfront Park on June 22 with Skosh kicking off the Waterfront Concert Series at 7 p.m., followed by a dazzling display of fireworks.

The excitement continues Saturday, June 23, with the much-anticipated Greater Gardiner River Festival. Activities run from 7 a.m. until 10 p.m. Festival organizers have continued to find ways to celebrate life on the Kennebec River from land to shore.

Activities at the waterfront are free to the public thanks to the area's generous sponsors with entertainment, children's activities, food trucks and a community showcase.

Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed are returning this year to provide free boat rides, a popular attraction. Meanwhile, Josh Landry will create incredible, detailed wood chainsaw carvings. Historic Water Street will be transformed into a pedestrian mall with artists, crafters, and specialty food vendors exhibiting their products from 10 a.m. to 4

p.m. Spare Parts, OC and the Offbeats and Lexi James will perform live on the Waterfront Stage. The evening will wrap up with the popular Kennebec Savings Bank Talent Show and conclude with Fireworks from Greater Gardiner Federal Credit Union.



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Historic Water Street in Gardiner is transformed into a pedestrian mall with artists, crafters, and specialty food vendors.

Gardiner Waterfront Park

Food & Novelty Vendors, Waterfront Park, ALL DAY

17th Annual Arts & Crafts Fair in Historic Downtown Gardiner, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Community Organization Showcase at the Waterfront Park, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.
Blacksmith Demonstration with Rob Stevens & Zach Lee, Waterfront Park, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.
Free Boat Rides on the Kennebec with Friends of Cobbossee Watershed, 11a.m.- 4 p.m.
Gardiner Federal Credit Union Fireworks, Waterfront park, 9 p.m.- 9:30 p.m.

Starting at 7 a.m.

Ice Cream for Breakfast unlimited ice cream, bounce house, face painting, crafts and more, The Boys and Girls Club of Kennebec Valley, 14 Pray Street, 7 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Starting at 8 a.m.

Women of Christ Church Festival pancake Breakfast (\$), 1 Dresden Ave, 8 a.m.- 10 a.m.
Women of Christ Church Lawn Sale, 1 Dresden Ave, 8 a.m.- 10 a.m.

Starting at 9 a.m.

Yoga on the Boardwalk with Kim Nixon, Waterfront Park, 9 a.m.- 10 a.m.
Library Book Sale, Gardiner Public Library, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Starting at 10 a.m. at the Waterfront

Blacksmith Demonstration with Rob Stevens & Zach Lee
Story Walk and Nature Hunt - Literacy Volunteers of Greater Augusta
Make a Natural Flower Crown and Fairy Homes in the Fairy Village
Bubble Wand and Bubble Painting - Children's Discovery Museum
Robot Demonstrations - Gardiner Iron Tigers Robotics Team
Face Painting and Kids Activities - Grace Community Chapel
Magic Wand Craft and Wish Board - Augusta Housing
Children's Activity Table - Food For Thought Backpack Program
Homemade Hula Hoops - Girl Scouts of Maine
Games for Seniors and Children - Oldies but Goodies
Hockey and Skating Activities - Skating Association of Maine
Rubber Duck Races - Silhouette Project
Giant Jenga and other activities - Gardiner Democratic Committee
Body Mass Screenings and Analysis - Curves
Board Breaking and Kids Activities - MIKA

Throughout the Day

Josh Landry's Live Chainsaw Show, Waterfront Park, 11a.m. to noon.
Ampersand Dance Performance, Johnson Hall Mini Park, 11a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
Balloon Animals, Waterfront Park, Noon to 4 p.m.
Jack Duggins Music, Johnson Hall Mini Park, Noon to 1 p.m.
Logan Johnston, Johnson Hall Mini Park, 1p.m. to 2 p.m.
Spare Parts Band, Waterfront Stage, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Josh Landry's Live Chainsaw Show, Waterfront Park, 1p.m. to 2 p.m.
OC and the Offbeats, Waterfront Stage, 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Josh Landry's Live Chainsaw Show, Waterfront park, 3p.m. to 4 p.m.
Capital Area Drum Circle, Pump Deck, 4p.m. to 6 p.m.
Lexi James, Waterfront Stage, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Gardiner Talent Show brought to you by Kennebec Savings Bank, Waterfront Stage, 7:45 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Gardiner Federal Credit Union's Fireworks, Waterfront park, 9 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.



The Great Race stops in Gardiner on June 26

Gardiner Main Street and the Kennebec Valley Chamber will act as host city to the 2018 Hemmings Motor News Great Race presented by Hagerty makes its way through Maine and stops overnight in Gardiner on June 26. The Great Race, the world's premiere classic car rally, will bring more than 100 antique automobiles to Historic Downtown Gardiner and the Waterfront Park.

The Great Race is an antique, vintage and collector car competitive controlled-speed endurance road rally on public highways with cars from 1972 and older.

It is not a test of top speed. It is a test of a driver/navigator team's ability to follow precise course instructions and the car's (and team's) ability to endure on a cross-country trip. The race annually draws more than 500 people

from around the world who make up the 120 teams—driver, navigator, support team and truck.

Historic Water Street in downtown Gardiner will be closed to traffic from 3 p.m. until the close of the event at 10 p.m. A parking shuttle will transport event goers to and from marked shuttle stops.

The Great Race cars will begin to arrive at 5 p.m. and will line Water Street for event goers to view. Locals will also be bringing their classic cars to be on display with a classic car cruise-in at Waterfront Park.

To give the Great Race teams the Maine experience, a lobster bake will be provided for race participants along the Kennebec River. Food trucks with a variety of delicious food will be on hand for event goers to choose from and dine on.

Live entertainment also will be provided to keep the crowds entertained with music and performances throughout downtown. A fireworks display also will be held along the Kennebec River at 9 p.m. at the conclusion of the event.

Race participants will stay at lodging in Augusta until the race continues the next day at 8 a.m. at the Senator Inn & Spa.

With hundreds of antique cars on display, live entertainment and food trucks, the Great Race will be a highlight of the summer. Many thanks to our Driver's Seat Sponsors—Camden National Bank, Central Maine Pyrotechnics, Cross Insurance, Cianbro, Everett J Prescott, G&E Roofing, O'Connor Auto Park, On Target Utility Services and Pine State Beverage Co.—for their support of this great event!

Central Maine's biggest road race returns for the 16th year

Please join the Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed on the 4th of July for their 16th Annual "Friends on the 4th 5K Run/Jog/Walk"! The race will be held Wednesday, July 4, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. in Winthrop, Maine along the beautiful eastern shore of Lake Maranacook.

Pre-registration is \$25 and open until 8:00 pm online July 3rd, 2018. Participants registered by 8 am on Thursday, June 28th, 2018 will receive a free t-shirt sporting the Friend's "Spotter the Otter" race logo and a stuffed gift bag! Event day registration is \$30 with no guarantee of a free t-shirt and gift bag. Registration will begin at 7:00 a.m. at the American Legion on Bowdoin Street in Winthrop. Stick around after the race for the awards ceremony and free raffle with a list of wonderful prizes!

To download a registration form or register online, visit www.watershedfriends.com, our Facebook Page, or call the Friend's office at 621-4100.



Friends on the 4th photo
Last year at the start of the Friends on the 4th 5k race.



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Independence Day Celebration planned at Fort Western

Fort Western (1754) National Historic Landmark and Living History Museum will host an Independence Day Celebration Wednesday, July 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the east bank of the Kennebec River in the heart of downtown Augusta.

Throughout the day, visitors are invited to walk through the Fort, store and house to view period rooms and exhibits and talk with historical interpreters about daily life in the 18th century. Daniel Savage's Company will be present to demonstrate life as Revolutionary War soldiers and their role at Fort Western. At noon, a special ceremony will be held in accordance with George Washington's orders (July 4, 1778) by "firing thirteen Pieces of Cannon" honoring the original colonies, followed by the lowering of the British colors and the raising of the "new" American flag.

At 4 p.m., the Augusta Parade will begin at the State House and end at Fort Western. At 5:30 p.m., Augusta's Mayor, David Rollins, will give the traditional reading of the Declaration of Independence in 18th century costume. A "feu de joie" (musket

salute) by Daniel Savage's Company will accompany the reading and patriotic music will be provided. At 9:15 p.m. don't miss the traditional fireworks display at Mill Park!

Admission rates: \$10 Adults, \$6 Children (6-14), \$8 Seniors & Veterans, \$25 family (5), and \$1 AAA discounts. Augusta residents and active military are admitted free of charge. New hours: June: Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; July- August: Open Daily 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; September and October: Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Fort Western (1754) is America's oldest surviving wooden French and Indian War garrison illuminating 300 years of Maine and New England history. For more information, please visit the website at www.oldfortwestern.org or call 626-2385, or email oldfort@oldfortwestern.org.

Fort Western photo
Augusta's Mayor, David Rollins, will give the traditional reading of the Declaration of Independence in 18th century costume.



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City of Augusta 4th of July Parade/Fireworks

You are invited to be part of the City of Augusta's 4th of July Parade. This is a great way to showcase your business/organization and be part of an afternoon full of special events meant to mark Independence Day.



The parade starts at 4:00 p.m. at the State House parking lot, traveling down State Street, around the Rotary and down Water Street, across the bridge and ends at Old Fort Western.

Wednesday, July 4, 2018

Downeast Brass will be performing at Market Square 2:30-4:00 p.m.

The Parade is at 4:00 p.m. State House Parking Lot to Old Fort Western

Mill Park Activities at 5:00 p.m.

Bounce Houses
Hay Rides
Vendors
2 Live Bands - TBA
Gladiator Joust

*Parade Theme:
Parks & Recreation*

Fireworks at 9:15 p.m. at the Old Statler Tissue Compound

Best viewing area is Mill Park

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