

# Sunset Puffin Cruise

Friday, July 22, 2022

7:00(+) p.m. – 9 p.m.



**TRIP DESCRIPTION:** With its colorful, clown-like face and oversized bill, the Atlantic puffin has become one of the Maine coast's most celebrated icons—a remarkable accomplishment for a species that had nearly disappeared from the state a century ago. Its resurgence is a testament to the dedication of Audubon biologists who led the way in reestablishing Maine's seabird colonies, including Eastern Egg Rock at the mouth of Muscongus Bay. This popular evening boat ride sails out of New Harbor to Eastern Egg Rock, where we will circle the island several times for great views of puffins, terns, and other seabirds. The boat returns to the harbor at sunset to combine birding and a lovely summer evening on the Maine coast.

**COVID-19 POLICY:** Participants are required to follow any guidelines issued by state or federal CDC, or DOT, and procedures and protocol from Hardy Boat Cruises. Subject to change, participants should expect, at a minimum, the following guidelines:

- Any passengers exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 should not attend.
- Passengers should expect to have to wear face coverings, at a minimum while in public spaces or enclosed areas.

**\*\*An update to this policy will be sent in advance of this trip.\*\***

**MEETING PLACE:** Please meet your trip leaders and the crew of Hardy Boat Cruises at Shaw's Wharf in New Harbor for a prompt departure. **You will want to arrive a half hour before (at 6:30 p.m.).** The only place to park is Hardy Boat's grassy parking lot up the road (the \$10 fee can be paid at the lot or on the dock). You cannot park at Shaw's Wharf; you will be towed.

**DIRECTIONS:** Hardy Boat Cruises – Shaw's Wharf, New Harbor (Delorme Maine Atlas Map 7, C4)

## From The South:

- From I-295 North, take exit 28 (Bath-Brunswick) to Coastal Route 1 North.
- Follow Route 1 North through Brunswick, Topsham, Bath, and Wiscasset. At Damariscotta take Business Route 1 following signs for Routes 129/130.
- Turn right at the First National Bank on Route 129 (watch for Hardy Boat Signs) through downtown Damariscotta.
- Bear left on Route 130 and travel for approximately nine miles.
- Turn left on Route 32. You will see a green Hardy Boat sign on the right just before Route 32.
- Parking is located ½ mile ahead at the baseball field on the right. There is a Hardy Boat Cruises sign on the parking booth. From here it is a three minute walk to the wharf. It is okay to continue to the wharf to drop people and possessions off and then double back to the parking area.
- The drive is approximately 1 ½ hours from Portland with no traffic.

## From The North:

- Take Coastal Route 1 South to Waldoboro.
- Turn left on Route 32.
- Follow scenic Route 32 approximately 19 miles to Shaw's Wharf in New Harbor. It is okay to drop people and possessions off at the wharf and then continue on to the parking area. Parking is located at the baseball field approximately ¼ mile beyond the wharf.

**PREPARATION:** It can be quite cool on the water even in summer, so please bring sufficient clothing to ensure your comfort. Hardy Boat has an enclosed cabin as well as an open top deck. If you have a tendency to get motion sickness please consult your doctor or pharmacist for the best remedy. If the winds pick up, ocean spray is certainly a possibility so a waterproof layer is recommended. Snacks, soft drinks, coffee, hot chocolate, beer, and wine are available on board (at reasonable prices). You may also bring a picnic supper. You may want to pack a small flashlight for the walk back to your car.

**SUGGESTED ITEMS:**

Binoculars	Wind-resistant layer	Snacks and drinks
Camera (batteries)	Waterproof layer	Flashlight
Field guides	Face coverings	Sunglasses, sunscreen, and hat

\* Weather dependent

**PLEASE NOTE:** Cancellation of this trip is up to the discretion of the staff of Hardy Boat Cruises and your trip leaders. If you would like to check on the trip status during business hours please call 207-781-2330 x237. If you have any last minute concerns it is best to speak with Doug directly on his cell phone at 207-671-0185. (Be aware that cell coverage is very unreliable in New Harbor.)

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** See: <https://maineaudubon.org/events/forms-and-policies/#cancel> or: If an event is cancelled by Maine Audubon, attendees will be notified, and full refunds will be issued. If event participation is cancelled by the attendee, no refunds will be issued if the cancellation is received within 7 days of the event. For cancellations received at least 7 days in advance of the event, refunds will be issued as follows:

Programs under \$10 will be not be refunded.

Programs \$10 – 100 will be refunded minus a \$5 processing fee.

Programs over \$100 and up to \$400 will be refunded minus a \$20 processing fee.

Programs over \$400 are rare and processing fees will be decided on a case by case basis.

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