

Kennebunk & Kennebunkport Field Trip

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Here's a full day of photography. I will meet people at **Depot St in Kennebunk at 10 am** and progress through the day. There are details with directions below.

This is the first week of the annual [Christmas Prelude](#) celebration. **Expect** the tourist population will be large. Think crowds and cars. Restaurants will be busy, but tasty and worth the wait. Bring snacks and drinks for backup. Parking will be challenging, but there are good, usually reliable suggestions below. Public washrooms are available at the Fire Station and Dock Square.

It will be a full day to visit all the places listed below. You are welcome to join me or plan your own day of self-guided photography. Dock Square is the only place that has a distinctly seasonal vibe. You may want to come back again to visit some of the others. Let me know.

Start: Kennebunk Captains' Houses

Kennebunk and Kennebunkport have a rich seafaring history. The successful ships' captains typically built their grand **houses** on the main road leading to the harbor.

We will photograph the houses on both sides of Summer St (a/k/a SR 35, SR 9A) between Depot St and Park St. Most, if not all, are private residences.

10 am Meeting Location. Depot St parking lot. There are several small businesses with a shared parking lot that has never filled in my observation, esp. at the end closest to Summer St. <https://www.google.com/maps/@43.379188,-70.5194412,15.47z?entry=ttu>

Summer St is busy, and you might block someone's shot.

Directions

- I-95 to Kennebunk exit.
- Take SR 35 to Kennebunk center
- L at the traffic light staying on SR 35 R lane – travel about 1000 feet
- R at the next traffic light staying on SR 35
- Depot St is a R turn down the hill
- <https://www.google.com/maps/@43.379188,-70.5194412,15.47z?entry=ttu>
- <<You've gone 1000' too far if you come to another traffic light.>>

Continue: Dock Square Kennebunkport

Kennebunkport was a major harbor back in the day. It is still a **working harbor** (few commercial and lots of pleasure vessels) and photogenic. Tip: walk across the bridge and explore.

Kennebunkport is also a major **tourist destination**. It's a good place for street photography. [Christmas Prelude](#) will be underway. Dock Square will be decorated.

Park at the Fire Station on the R on North St, Kennebunkport. It is well marked and your best, probably only place to park. Dock Square is a short walk down the street.

Restaurant tip: pick one to your liking (they're all good), get on the waiting list, go photograph until you get your text message telling you that your table is ready.

Directions

- Continue down SR 35
- L at the blinker onto Durrell's Bridge Rd
<<turn around if you miss the turn or expect TRAFIC>>
- R at the stop sign onto Arundel Road (sometimes called River Rd)
- Drive to stop sign – North St. intersection
(tip: take righthand fork with the boatyard on the right)
- R onto North Street
- Park at the Fire Station on the R
<https://www.google.com/maps/place/43%C2%B021'58.5%22N+70%C2%B028'32.1%22W/@43.366256,-70.476525,18z>

Continue: Ocean Avenue

Ocean Avenue has lovely western views (sunset), St. Ann's by-the-Sea (church), Walker Point (Bush residence) and leads to the next stop.

Look to your R as you drive along. There are ample pull-outs for all the sights suggested. Except Walker Point which is often full (no parking on side streets).

Directions

- R out of the parking lot at the Fire Station
- **Straight** through the next stop sign (Dock Square is to the right)
- Don't go through Dock Square.
- 3rd R onto Pearl St
- L onto Ocean Ave at the stop sign
<https://www.google.com/maps/place/43%C2%B021'32.5%22N+70%C2%B028'32.4%22W/@43.359034,-70.4782323,17z>

Continue: Cape Porpoise

Cape Porpoise is a working **commercial harbor** with a view of **Goat Island Lighthouse**. You might be interested in photographing the **Lobster Trap Tree** at the Firehouse on Rt 9.

Parking is limited but not impossible at the firehouse and at the Cape Porpoise harbor.

Food To Go Tip: call or place your order at [Cape Porpoise Kitchen 207 967 1150](#) on SR 9 across the street from the firehouse. There are benches in the harbor area.

Directions

- Continue up Ocean Ave
 - Street names Change (Shore Rd, Turbats Creek Rd, etc.), but it's the same street.
 - R onto Wildes District Rd at the Firehouse
 - Continue to stop sign. Go 50' and **stop again** (no sign) – you'll understand why
 - R onto Main St (a/k/a SR 9)
 - Go **straight** onto Pier Rd at the next Fire house (on left)
 - Drive to end
- <https://www.google.com/maps/place/43%C2%B021'58.0%22N+70%C2%B025'52.9%22W/@43.366116,-70.4319941,19z>

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