



Keeping the Green in Spruce Point

Spruce Point Inn covers 57 acres of woods and waterfront, making our impact on the Maine coastal environment, and actively conserving and protecting those beautiful places, a critical part of our responsibility as innkeepers. We love to introduce our guests to the natural environment of Maine and each time someone comments on our incredible location we are rededicated to ensuring Spruce Point remains a legacy for future generations – for all of us who live on the planet. We know that what we do at Spruce Point affects our corner of the coast, the land that surrounds us and the ocean beyond.

The environment is not just an attraction at Spruce Point. The commitment is sincere. Spruce Point Inn sought and received Maine Department of Environmental Protection “Environmental Leader” accreditation in 2006 and is now listed on the Maine Department of Tourism’s website as a “green lodging partner.” Spruce Point Inn is a preferred lodging partner for the Coastal Maine Botanical Garden and a hospitality conservation partner for The Boothbay Region Land Trust (www.brlt.org).

How Spruce Point stays green:

Lighter Footprint Housekeeping

Spruce Point Inn started a water conservation program in 2012 and now has about 20 percent of r guests choosing the option of having their room linens changed less frequently. A small wood buoy hung on the doorknob signals housekeeping they are participating in the program.

Salty snacks for weeds

Harold Shorette, our Environmental Manager noticed how effective salt water is as a weed-killer and now uses that instead of commercial pesticides.

No child left indoors

The fairy houses along our nature trails, our guided hikes and our butterfly garden are all designed to entrance children, many of whom are just discovering the “flora and fauna” of the natural world for the first time. Walks are lined with repurposed wood chips from Conversation Corps fire lanes – and cedar play boats on the playground provide an enduring, low impact natural environment. (The cedar shavings also serve the practical purpose of reducing erosion.)

Fish, farm and forager

You can’t help being exposed to the natural cycle of local farming and fishing through the menus at the Inn, but guests can also join our forager Tom Seymour on guided walks through our landscape, learning about edible plants and the birds, trees and wildflowers along our woodland paths.

It's a matter of retention

Even the lovely pond that is a feature of our landscaping has a conservation job: it is a retaining pond designed to catch run-off rainwater from the grounds. The pond holds back the sediment that would otherwise go into the ocean, again reducing the footprint we make on our coast.

About Spruce Point Inn (www.sprucepointinn.com)

In operation for more than 100 years, Spruce Point Inn is a distinctive and historic vacation destination for travelers from all over the United States. Its relaxing facilities have long been a part of the summer community and a backdrop for delightful "oceanside memories made in Maine." Located in the seafaring village of Boothbay Harbor, Maine (an hour north of Portland) and situated on 57 acres of stunning oceanfront and sheltering pine forest, the Inn is a retreat of 56 modern rooms in eight lodges, 5 classic cottages, 9 Main Inn rooms and suites, and 4 townhouses. The convenient location, peaceful setting and spectacular coastal views have made the Inn a premier resort for families, reunions, weddings and business events. For reservations, call 800-553-0289 or visit www.sprucepointinn.com

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