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The twin cities of Lewiston and Auburn, with the Androscoggin River running between them, are mill towns reborn. With a combined population of about 60,000, the two cities offer the best of both worlds: A safe, close-knit community and a vibrant downtown. More than 25 languages are spoken at the local high school. Nearby, nestled in a downtown that just received a \$30M HUD revitalization grant, you'll also find a farmer's market, an organic café, a new maker space and gallery for local artists, and plenty of independent restaurants and stores. At right are a few of our favorites.

Photo: Joshua Turner '20

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Things to do:

Androscoggin Riverwalk Part of the Androscoggin Land Trust, the Riverwalk introduces you to the heart of Lewiston/Auburn and is perfect for a peaceful walk or run. Download the TravelStorys GPS app for a guided walking tour. Main St., Auburn, ME. 5 minutes from Bates.

Bates-Morse Mountain Conservation Area 600-acres of conserved rare salt marshes and dune beach ecologies, the BMM serves as an extension campus for Bates students, and is open to the public. An easy 45-minute hike takes you from the parking lot to a gorgeous Maine beach. Route 216, Phippsburg, ME. 45 minutes from Bates.

Bates Rowing Boathouse Home to 15 All-American rowers, two Olympians, and five NCAA Championships, the Bates Rowing Boathouse was completed in 2016. 764 N. River Rd., Greene, ME. 15 minutes from Bates.

Freeport Home to the L.L. Bean flagship store, as well as other outlet shops, quaint Freeport serves as Maine's shopping haven. It's also just a quick drive down the peninsula to the beautiful Wolfe's Neck Woods State Park. 95 Main St., Freeport, ME. 35 minutes from Bates.

Thorncrag Bird Sanctuary Thorncrag is a favorite for a quick bird watching, hiking, or cross country skiing excursion. Montello St., Lewiston, ME. 5 minutes from Bates.

Museum L/A Once Maine's largest city, Lewiston/Auburn was home to some of the most productive textile and shoe mills in the country, as well as a large French Canadian population. Learn about the unique history of our hometown at our local museum. Bates Mill Complex, 35 Canal St., Lewiston, ME. 3 minutes from Bates.

For more on our community, **The Franco American Heritage Center** is just down the street and offers continual exhibits. 46 Cedar St., Lewiston, ME. 3 minutes from Bates.

For more on the arts community in Lewiston/Auburn, [check out laarts.org](http://laarts.org)

Places to eat:

Boba "Pan-Asian street food bistro with a hip, modern, and warm atmosphere. It's the perfect place to grab mouthwatering small plates of dumplings and bao." Maximilian Friedenwald-Fishman, Senior 97 Lisbon St., Lewiston, ME

Dairy Joy (Seasonal) "A five minute walk from campus, Dairy Joy has a little something for everyone including soft and hard serve flavors, yogurts, and sundaes." Aaliyah Moore, Sophomore 109 Campus Ave., Lewiston, ME

DaVinci's Eatery "Classic, casual Italian food with complimentary, mouth-watering garlic knots!" Anna Kreitzer, Junior 150 Mill St., Lewiston, ME

El Pocho's Mexican Grill "A little spot with BIG Mexican style." Lydia Sullivan, Junior 990 Lisbon St., Lewiston, ME

Fish Bone's "Located in a historic mill in the heart of Lewiston, Fishbones is an elegant eatery that specializes in seafood and American fare. Their Ahi Tuna Crisps and Crab BLT are fan favorites!" Madeline Clark, Senior 70 Lincoln St., Lewiston, ME

Forage Market "A Bates favorite — a cozy cafe with wood fired bagels, delicious homemade soups and sandwiches, and an artisan bakery." Zachary Collester, Sophomore 180 Lisbon St., Lewiston, ME

Isuken Co-Op Food Truck (Seasonal) "Traditional dishes made with ingredients grown by Somali-Bantu farmers." Maggie Nespole, Junior isukencoop.com for location

Mother India "Everyone at Mother India is extremely nice and makes you feel at home. The food is delicious and the aesthetics give you a taste of Indian culture." Alexandria Onuoha, Sophomore 114 Lisbon St., Lewiston, ME

Simones' Hot Dog Stand "I love this place! Their hot dogs are so unique and crazy delicious. Plus the owner loves the town, and Bates, and quickly became one of my favorite Lewiston residents." Jack McWilliams, Junior 99 Chestnut St., Lewiston, ME

The Pub at Baxter Brewing "Great pub food — the burgers are amazing!" Otis Caron, Sophomore 130 Mill St., Lewiston, ME

So many yummy choices!

