



With 7 major interactive exhibit areas on 3 floors, Maine Discovery Museum is the largest children's museum north of Boston.

Who Benefits from the Maine Discovery Museum?

In a world that compresses childhood and chips away at family time, the Maine Discovery Museum is a place where **families and children learn and play together** and connect in meaningful ways. Children are free to explore, discover, and pretend while on an adventure in a safe environment.

The museum serves as a gathering place for **parents & caregivers**, as well as for children, to socialize.

Teachers utilize the Museum to support active, hands-on learning experiences for their students.

Teens often find their first meaningful volunteer experience at the Museum.

Universities send future educators, therapists, care givers and entrepreneurs as interns to the Museum to train and learn from and with children and families.

Maine Discovery Museum is a driving force in the **creative economy**, partnering with the Penobscot Theatre Co., Bangor Symphony Orchestra, Bangor Museum & Center for History, University of Maine Museum of Art, and museums and businesses across the state.

The Museum partners with a variety of organizations to provide a **safe, fun work environment for training basic job skills**, communication skills, build self esteem and marketability for clients/students from: EMDC Summer Youth Program, Upward Bound, Aspire, Penobscot Job Corps, Bangor Adult Ed, RSVP, National Able Network, VSArts of Maine, Work Opportunities Unlimited, and area high schools.

The **mission** of Maine Discovery Museum is to educate children and families, encourage creativity, nurture a sense of wonder, and to challenge all to learn in new and innovative ways. Exhibits and programs will be fun, interactive and thought provoking, and will encourage participation by children and families of all abilities and socioeconomic backgrounds.

www.mainediscoverymuseum.org

Museum Facts 2009-2010

Visitors per year: 54,507

Walk-up visitors:

42% from 250+ zip codes, in every Maine county
38% from Greater Bangor
20% from out of State

School children/teachers:

3,681

Birthday parties, overnights:

2,200 children, Scouts, etc.

Camps, workshops, etc:

1,400 summer and school holiday camp days

Average number of unique monthly visitors to the MDM **website:** 5,000

Memberships:

668 families
10 businesses
20 non-profit/social service agencies
11 public libraries
6 schools, and
3 daycares



Maine Discovery Museum provides opportunities for exploration and discovery that incorporate aspects of Maine into a greater understanding of the world in which we live. In 2011, we will celebrate ten years of **Too much fun!**

10 years
and **growing stronger**