

NNEC-SIA Fall Tour –Tuesday, October 7, 2025

Brunswick, Maine – 9:30 A.M (rain or shine)

TechPlace, Brunswick Landing's Technology Accelerator and the industrial history of the Androscoggin River

On your own you may view the vintage naval airplanes as you enter Brunswick Landing, the old Brunswick Naval Air Station, A vintage P2 and a P3 Naval airplane from the 1950's have been restored.



Anarobic Renewable Energy Plant



P2 or P3 Navy Plane

9:30-9:45 Meet in parking lot at TechPlace, 74 Orion Street, also in Brunswick Landing. We can use their bathrooms upon arrival.

10:00-11:30 tour TechPlace ---Proper footwear has been requested. Steel toe boots would be ideal but not required. There are currently over 30 small manufacturing firms operating there. From their website, “TechPlace, Brunswick Landing’s Technology Incubator, supports the business development needs of early-stage companies in a shared workspace. TechPlace gives entrepreneurs a place to network with others, research and develop ideas, build prototypes, test products, assemble, grow, and become successful manufacturing and technology companies.”

11:30 Drive short distance to view and discuss the Landing's Anarobic renewable energy plant.

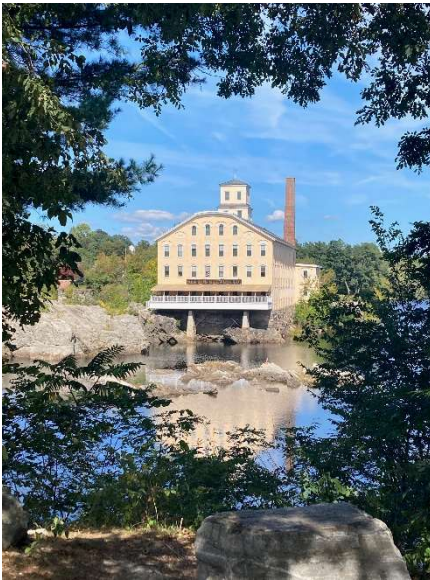


Fort Andross

Drive to Restaurant ---we can carpool if necessary:

12:00 Lunch at the Sea Dog Restaurant, which is located in the historic Pejepscot Paper Mill which sits on the banks of the Androscoggin River.

1. Lunch –buy your own. There is a lot of variety to choose from their menu.
2. NNEC Yearly Meeting and election of officers.



Seadog Restaurant,
Old Pejepscot Paper Mill Bldg



Old Androscoggin Bridge

3. Scot McFarlane, an expert who has published articles about the industrial history of the Androscoggin River will be joining us. He is currently writing a book on this subject. The Androscoggin used to be one of the most polluted rivers in the US which became the case study for the creation of the 1972 Clean Water Act. The Clean Water Act is the primary federal law in the United States governing water pollution.

The history of the river began during the age of the Paleo-Indians and continued through the 1900's with many mills and factories. Currently there are 16 hydro-electric generating dams still active.

We will take a short, guided walk with Scot up to a lookout where we will have a good view of the river.

From this lot we will be able to see Ft. Andross and we will discuss the history of that mill building through many changes and owners prior to closing.

Scot will give a talk about the interesting industrial history of the Androscoggin which he says is the most important river in Maine. Questions and discussion is encouraged.

The bridge between Brunswick and Topsham Maine is being torn down while a new one is being built. We can spend a little time viewing them.

After the guided tour, we will walk or drive a short distance to the historic Androscoggin Bridge. We will walk across the bridge (great spot to watch the rapids flow) to the other side where there is a small park. In this park are markers/signs about the Franco-American workers who would cross from that side of the river where they lived, to the multiple mills that were active in the 1800's and 1900's.

***So, the whole afternoon is untimed. We go at the pace of our slowest member and talk as long as we wish.

After our tour ends, you may on your own visit some of the six museums close by.

1. Joshua Chamberlain of Civil War fame house. His cemetery is near-by if anyone wishes to visit.
2. Bowdoin College Art Museum
3. Bowdoin College Peary-MacMillan Arctic Museum - highly recommended and it recently has moved to a bigger/better location
4. Pejepscot Historical Museum -- Brunswick history
5. Skolfield-Whittier House --might need to make an early reservation to visit. Last time I was there, the exhibit was dedicated to the dentist who used to live there - many old medical implements
6. Brunswick Landing Naval Air Station Museum

Brunswick has a nice downtown area with some historic buildings and a variety of restaurants. Nice area to relax after our educational tour.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there.