

Maritime Trip Day 35 September 26, 2010 51 degrees F, Raining

We started the day with "The Best Ever Blueberry Pancake Breakfast"--at least that is what the KOA at Bar Harbor called it. It would have been a nice outdoor event except it was raining—so we got it to go and ate it in the warmth of the Rose's camper! Actually the Maine blueberries are little and quite delicious!

We headed down the road today for Freeport, Maine, only 3 hours away. The drive was marked in the atlas with a red ribbon designating an exceptionally scenic drive. It lived up to the claim! The trees are in brilliant fall colors and the little fishing and boating communities along the way were breathtaking. Two towns that we really liked were Camden and Bucksport. Both were busy with people and loaded with boats in the harbors, Galleries, shops, eating establishments and B&Bs in old but well kept Victorian style homes.

Our stop in Freeport was motivated by the 4 giant, original flagship LL Bean stores. There was also a huge factory outlet (200 stores) area across the street. The place was packed with people! Doesn't anyone stay home on a Sunday afternoon anymore? We ate a late lunch in the LL Bean '1912 Cafe'. It was loaded with old time photos from the early days of the company. There is a giant 15' work boot (their symbol) outside the store!

The day remained gray and drizzly but we still managed to have a great time! Just a few short miles away we stopped for the night in the Freeport Village Campground which only had 3 vacancies! Luckily, we had made a reservation. We had tea and blueberry pie at the Roses and planned our day for tomorrow with 2 options, depending on the weather. We'll have to wait and see!