



About the Frances Perkins Homestead National Historic Landmark

- Located on 57 acres of picturesque woods and fields along the serene Damariscotta River in Newcastle, Maine, the Frances Perkins Homestead National Historic Landmark holds the essence of a remarkable legacy.
- The ancestral home and place of respite and inspiration for Frances Perkins, the first woman to hold a Cabinet member position and the driving force behind the New Deal, the Homestead serves as a testament to Perkins' resilient spirit and enduring impact.
- It is the only place in the world fully dedicated to shining a light on Perkins' life and legacy. Today, that legacy has been recognized nationally: The 1837 Brick House and accompanying 57 acres were designated a National Historic Landmark in 2014.
- At the Frances Perkins Homestead, visitors are invited to step into the shoes of a trailblazer whose humble beginnings and gender barriers belied her monumental achievements. The Homestead offers a chance to learn about her enduring significance: the woman behind many of the benefits and safeguards we take for granted today, such as Social Security, a minimum wage and 40-hour work week.
- It was the place and the people there that served as her earliest inspiration for work devoted to the betterment of society. Surrounded by natural beauty with scenic walking trails and views of the river, the Homestead also offers a glimpse into Perkins' private retreats to the place she returned to year after year to rest and rejuvenate before resuming her tireless work in Washington D.C.
- Managed by the dedicated experts of the Frances Perkins Center, the site stands as a symbol of resilience, rejuvenation and progress. The Homestead invites visitors to explore the intersections of past and present and consider how her enduring legacy remains relevant today.
- The Summer 2024 Season to visit the Homestead barn exhibit is Closed.,
- Guided house tours are planned to resume in summer 2025 following construction and cataloging of the collections.
- The trails are open to visitors seven days a week, year-round, from dawn todusk.