



the places behind the story

The Enduring Home Adventure

Houses that kept changing—and the lives they made room for

Explore Portsmouth through homes adapted for new households, new work and new conveniences. From the neighborhood stories at Strawberry Banke to the layered rooms of Rundlet-May, follow the choices that let a home keep serving the people who live in it.

Portsmouth, New Hampshire

Two days, one night · One-day essentials option

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A Home That Keeps Making Room for Life

This Experience is inspired by master builder Brent Hull's [How Technology Turned Our Homes Into Disposable Junk | Part III](#). His three-part video series explores how technology reshaped American homebuilding, from hand craftsmanship to industrial production, new materials and household conveniences. This guide was developed independently by AHA. It is not affiliated with or endorsed by Brent Hull.

You can love the character of an older home and still want a kitchen, bathroom or heating system that works for the life you have now. Deciding what to keep and what to change is part of making a home your own.

Portsmouth gives that familiar question a longer view. Begin among the changing households of Strawberry Banke, where buildings tell stories of subdivision, work, family and neighborhood life. Stay downtown overnight, then visit Rundlet-May, where furnishings and conveniences from different generations share the same house.

The pleasure is in looking closely: a separate entrance, a later wall covering, an appliance added to an older kitchen. Ask what each change made possible, whose work supported daily life, and what the household chose to carry forward. You do not need to know architectural styles to enjoy the journey.



start here / choose your pace

Choose Your Adventure

Choose two days for the recommended adventure, with time for both the neighborhood and a house lived in across generations. Choose one day if you are pressed for time or want the neighborhood essentials.

Two Days · The Recommended Adventure

Begin at Strawberry Banke, pause by the waterfront and enjoy lunch and Market Square. Stay downtown for a rest and dinner, then visit Rundlet-May on Day Two. Its layered rooms add a second household perspective to the neighborhood stories. After lunch at Ceres Bakery, return to Strawberry Banke if time, energy and openings allow, or head back to the car.

Plan one local night. The two-day core depends on a confirmed Rundlet-May interior tour; the second museum visit is optional.

One Day · The Neighborhood Essentials

Follow Day One's daytime circuit through Strawberry Banke, Prescott Park, lunch and Market Square, finishing at Hanover Garage in about **6–7 hours**. Keep time for the selected house stories and a seated meal.

This option omits Rundlet-May, the overnight and dinner. It gives you the neighborhood story in a day; the two-day version adds a different house and an evening in Portsmouth.

Plan in This Order

1. **Choose your option and possible dates.** Read the access notes and allow for your own travel to and from Portsmouth.
2. **Confirm the visits first.** For two days, confirm the Rundlet-May tour before matching Strawberry Banke's operating days. For one day, choose a confirmed self-guided museum day and check the selected house openings.
3. **Arrange the rest of your trip.** Confirm parking and meals for either option. For two days, add a one-night stay and dinner, and check breakfast and checkout arrangements.

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The Adventure at a Glance

Option	Recommended Journey	Time and Scope
One Day · The Essentials	Hanover Garage → Strawberry Banke → Prescott Park → River House → Market Square → Hanover Garage	About 6–7 hours, finishing at the garage. No overnight or Rundlet-May.
Two Days · Continue Day One	Follow the essentials circuit → collect overnight bags → hotel and rest → The Puddle Dock → hotel	About 10½ hours for the full day, from parking to your return after dinner. One local night.
Two Days · Day Two	Breakfast and checkout → bags to the car → Rundlet-May → Ceres Bakery → optional Strawberry Banke return → collect car and depart	About 6½–7 hours from breakfast preparation to departure from the garage, with the museum return included.

The core includes both Strawberry Banke and an interior tour of Rundlet-May. The overnight makes room for a slower evening and a second household perspective. The **one-day essentials** follow Day One's daytime circuit and finish at the garage, without the hotel, dinner or Rundlet-May.

Personal travel to and from Portsmouth is additional. Walking estimates below include the town connections, with extra distance inside the museum and park. Movement, queues, pauses and parking tasks are included in the overall planning allowances; they are not appointments or guaranteed journey times.

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Using This Guide

Build your adventure

Start with **Choose Your Adventure**, then use **The Adventure at a Glance** to compare the one-day essentials and recommended two-day core. Read the arrangements and access notes before choosing dates. For two days, confirm Rundlet-May first, then match the museum dates and overnight. For one day, confirm the museum day and selected house openings. Arrange your own tickets, meals and any lodging.

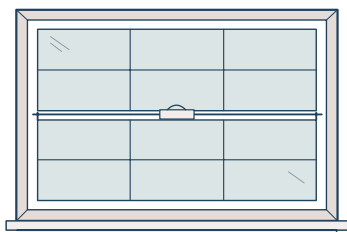
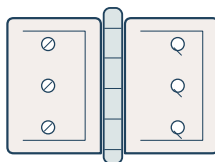
Follow the numbered day outlines in their recommended order. **Core visit** identifies the experiences around which to choose your dates. **Optional** means you can remove that stop without losing the main two-day story. **Confirm first** flags something that affects whether the trip will work for you. Suggested targets are not bookings.

Read the place and the pace

Allow gives an estimated time for a visit, journey or pause. Read each day's start, finish and return notes. Each allowance gives you room to look, ask questions or sit down; queues, weather and your pace can change the total.

Look Closer invites observation, rather than an inspection or a test of architectural knowledge. Read the house interpretation to distinguish preserved layers from recreated rooms.

📍 Places 🍴 Meals 🛏 Stays 🚶 Movement 📷 Look Closer



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Arrival and Offline Notes

Use the operator links and published addresses for arrival information, and follow current public signs and staff directions. Exact pedestrian entrances, crossings, construction conditions and evening lighting have not been checked in the field. This guide provides a stop sequence rather than turn-by-turn walking directions. At Strawberry Banke, enter through its visitor center and use the day's official map; a map pin beside an individual house is not permission to enter there.

Before you set out

Save this guide, your tickets and the operators' arrival information before traveling. Download navigation separately and test your saved files without a connection. Live updates, booking pages and current navigation need connectivity unless separately saved. Use **Your Reservation Details** near the end to keep your arrangements together; the three topic-based reference sections that follow the closing reflection collect the planning and household-story links. Recheck important arrangements before departure.

plan your journey

Make These Arrangements First

For two days, start with Rundlet-May. Confirm an actual public tour before committing to the overnight. Its researched regular-tour pattern was the first and third Saturdays from June into early October, with exceptions. That pattern does not establish dates for your trip; do not assume that a fifth Saturday adds another tour day. A Friday–Saturday pairing is the first pattern to try when both operators publish matching dates.

The Day Two plan uses an **11:30 a.m. tour as a planning target**, with a 45-minute visit based on the researched regular-tour description. Confirm the offered time, current tour length and access arrangements for your chosen date. If that slot is unavailable, check the effect on lunch and the museum return before booking another. If no suitable interior tour operates, choose another date for the core trip or take the one-day essentials option.

Match the museum dates. Confirm that Strawberry Banke offers self-guided historic-house visits on Day One and, if wanted, Day Two. The researched main-season pattern generally offered self-guided visits Wednesday–Monday, with a different guided program on Tuesdays and some date-specific exceptions. A general admission ticket covered two consecutive operating days. Verify the current ticket terms, daily house openings and return-entry procedure. Do not assume every house opens every day.

For two days, choose a genuine one-night stay. The recommended planning base is Hampton Inn & Suites Portsmouth Downtown. Check an actual one-night room, total rate, cancellation terms and your room-access needs. The hotel publishes 3 p.m. check-in, 11 a.m. checkout and included hot breakfast; breakfast service hours still need confirmation for your morning plan. No room or rate has been held.

Settle the meals. For two days, check The Puddle Dock's dinner availability and dietary fit. River House is first come, first served, so retain a lunch queue allowance. Ceres Bakery has a short daytime window; carry a suitable lunch if relying on its stock or seating would make the day difficult. No restaurant booking or food order is included.

plan your journey

Check Mobility and Family Needs

Allow roughly **3 miles of town walking on Day One**, including the hotel and dinner connections, and **2 miles on Day Two** with the museum return. Museum and park wandering add distance. The overnight break is part of the plan; leave enough energy for the walk back after dinner.

Strawbery Banke combines outdoor paths with historic thresholds, narrow doors and stairs. Some first floors have ramp access; others do not. Ask the museum specifically about the selected houses, current surfaces, seating and an appropriate route for you. Accessible restrooms are available in the visitor center. Plan restroom stops there rather than assuming facilities in every house.

Rundlet-May has stairs and no ramps or lifts. A possible first-floor arrangement requires discussion with Historic New England before booking; it should not be assumed equivalent to the full tour. Public restroom availability there has not been established. If its access does not meet your needs, ask the operator what can actually be offered before deciding on the overnight version.

Hanover Garage publishes elevator information, but its exact pedestrian approaches and the whole walking circuit have not been verified for step-free travel. River House describes its Bow Street-level dining room as accessible; that does not establish access to every seating area or the connecting pavement. Confirm the hotel room, restaurants and transfers against your own requirements.

follow the day

Day One · A Neighborhood of Changing Homes

Your Day at a Glance

Order	Destination or pause	Suggested allowance
1	 Park at Hanover Garage and walk to the museum visitor center	About 30 minutes, including parking and entry tasks
2	 Strawberry Banke: selected houses, resident stories and a seated pause	About 3 hours
3	 Prescott Park	About 30 minutes, plus the short transfer
4	 Walk to River House and take a late lunch	About 75 minutes for lunch, plus movement
5	 Market Square and return to Hanover Garage	About 30 minutes to linger, plus movement and a departure pause
6	 Collect your overnight bag; walk to the hotel, check in and rest	About 1½ hours altogether
7	 Walk to The Puddle Dock, enjoy dinner and return to the hotel	About 2¼ hours, including both walks

Start early enough to give the museum its full visit and still reach lunch comfortably. The daytime loop is about 6–7 hours; the full day ends back at the hotel after dinner, about 10½ hours after parking. For the one-day option, finish at step 5.

the neighborhood of home

Arrive at Strawberry Banke



Strawberry Banke Museum, photographed in 2013.

1 • Arrive Once and Leave the Car

Use **Hanover Garage, 34 Hanover Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801**, as the base for the two-day plan. The city permits overnight parking there and describes 24-hour access, with a seven-day maximum stay. Check current posted restrictions and charges when you arrive. Leave the car here while exploring; take valuables with you.

Arrive: Walk to **Strawberry Banke Museum's Lawrence J. Yerdon Visitors Center, 14 Hancock Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801**. Ask which selected interiors are open, what access each involves and how to return on Day Two. Keep your admission tag or other required proof of entry.

The museum's own parking is for museum visits, with no overnight parking. It is not the parking base for this multi-stop trip.

Link: [Hanover Garage visitor information](#) • [Strawberry Banke planning](#)

three household stories

Strawbery Banke · Changing Households

2 · Strawberry Banke · Begin with the Household

Core visit · About 3 hours across the selected encounters and campus.

Individual house access depends on the day's openings. Ask staff to help you follow this sequence or select a supported substitute if an interior is closed.

Timothy Winn House

Begin with the museum's *To Build a House* interpretation. Two kitchens and rear stairs offer a way into the story of a building planned for two families. Look for what the interpretation explains about construction and arrangement; this is an exhibit visit, with no live building demonstration promised.

Joshua Jackson House

Continue to the Federal woodwork and later wallpaper that help tell a layered story. Ask how the museum decided which periods to preserve together. This is the Joshua Jackson house on the museum campus; it is separate from Historic New England's Jackson House elsewhere in Portsmouth.

Shapley–Drisco–Pridham House

Consider the interpreted 1790s and 1950s households and the building's conversion into a duplex. Separate entrances make a useful detail to notice. What changed when a house accommodated more than one household? These are restored interpretations of different lives, rather than untouched rooms left exactly as their occupants knew them.

Look Closer: Choose one detail from these encounters and ask how it helped a household use the house differently. Let the interpretation or a guide establish its purpose.

the lives within the rooms

Strawbery Banke · Everyday Life



A 1950s living-room interpretation at Strawberry Banke. Archival photograph, 1980–2006; the catalog does not identify the building.

Take time for residents' accounts as well as architectural details. The museum stands on Abenaki homelands and interprets a neighborhood that changed over centuries. Today's museum setting differs from the lived community represented here. Let the people in the stories complicate any easy picture of a single "old-fashioned" way of life.

The museum's Heritage House Program also includes restored buildings leased as homes and offices, helping support preservation. Those occupied spaces are private. Read about this continuing use through museum interpretation; do not treat leased interiors as extra visitor stops.

Continue: Before leaving, ask about tomorrow's Penhallow-Cousins opening and return admission. Use the visitor-center restrooms, then continue to the waterfront.

Link: [House interpretations](#) · [Museum history](#) · [Heritage House Program](#)

pause and enjoy portsmouth

Waterfront and Lunch

3 · Prescott Park · Leave Room to Pause



Prescott Park, July 2013.

About 30 minutes. Spend a little unhurried time along the public waterfront and garden areas that are open that day. The pause gives the house visits room to settle before lunch. There is no performance or seasonal garden display included in the plan.

Use the **Marcy Street edge of Prescott Park, Portsmouth, New Hampshire** as the named destination. Follow posted paths and any work restrictions. In poor weather, shorten this pause and continue to lunch.

Link: [Prescott Park](#)

4 · River House · A Proper Lunch Break

About 75 minutes, including the possibility of a wait. At **River House, 53 Bow Street, Portsmouth, New Hampshire**, make lunch a seated break after the museum. Check the day's menu and prices before ordering. Its researched hours were daily from 11 a.m.; confirm current service for your date. Seating is first come, first served.

If the queue would consume your afternoon, use food you have brought and a lawful designated place to eat. Preserve the pause even when you change the meal.

Link: [River House](#)

settle into portsmouth

Market Square and Your Overnight Base

5 · Market Square · Bring the Day Back into Town

About 30 minutes to linger, plus the walk back to the garage. Continue through **Market Square, Portsmouth, New Hampshire**, for an easy look around the public streets. This is a flexible town stop, without another ticket or interior to complete.

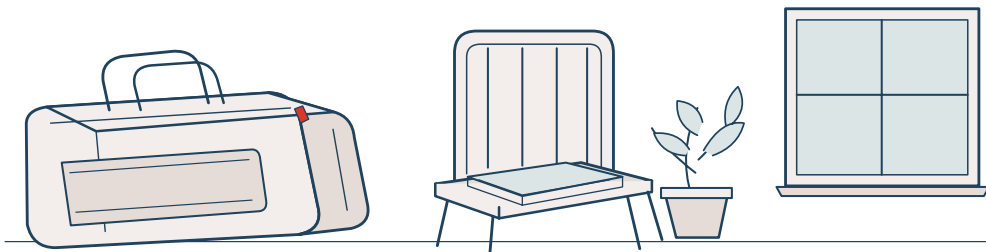
Return to Hanover Garage. One-day travelers finish here. Overnight travelers collect their room bags and leave the vehicle parked for the night.

6 · Check In and Put Your Feet Up

The planning base is **Hampton Inn & Suites Portsmouth Downtown, 23 Portwalk Place, Portsmouth, NH 03801**. Allow about 15 minutes from the garage, including an arrival reserve, then time to check in and rest. The researched check-in time is 3 p.m.; this itinerary reaches the hotel after its daytime circuit rather than depending on early access.

The route uses public-garage parking instead of assuming hotel self-parking or an extension of guest parking after checkout. Take a modest overnight bag and keep the evening comfortable.

Link: [Hampton hotel details](#)



dinner and your return

An Evening in Portsmouth



A representative evening table.

7 · Dinner at The Puddle Dock

About 90 minutes at dinner, plus about 20 minutes each way for walking and arrival. Head to **The Puddle Dock, 66 Marcy Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801**. The researched dinner schedule included Friday and Saturday from 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.; confirm service and your reservation arrangements. An early-evening table fits after the hotel rest.

Make this a relaxed finish rather than another house lesson. Allow for weather, tired feet and the return walk when choosing your dinner time. Use currently lawful public streets and current navigation; the guide does not establish any shortcut through private property. Day One ends back at the hotel.

Link: [The Puddle Dock](#)

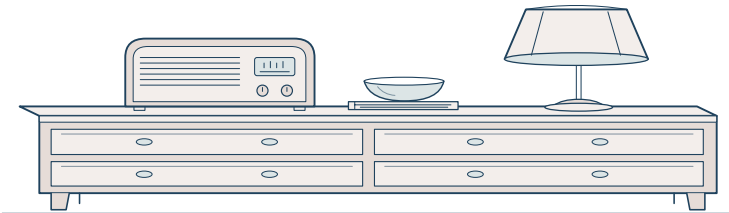
follow the day

Day Two · What Generations Keep

Your Day at a Glance

Order	Destination or task	Suggested allowance
1	🚶 Breakfast, pack, check out with all bags and take them to the car	About 1½ hours for breakfast and checkout, then 25 minutes for the walk and bags
2	📍 Walk to Rundlet-May, arrive before the tour and visit the house	About 35 minutes for the walk and arrival, including a 15-minute reserve; then the 45-minute tour in the researched description, to reconfirm
3	🍴 Walk to Ceres Bakery and have lunch	About 20 minutes to reach it, then about 1 hour for lunch
4	📍 Optional museum return, including Penhallow-Cousins if open	About 15 minutes to reach the visitor center, then 75 minutes on site
5	🚶 Return to Hanover Garage, collect the car and depart	About 35 minutes, including departure tasks

Allow about **6½–7 hours** from breakfast preparation to leaving the garage. The planning model uses the 11:30 a.m. Rundlet-May target and reaches Ceres around 12:35 p.m. With the museum return included, it finishes around mid-afternoon. These are planning targets, not reservations. Leave onward travel outside this allowance.



the house across generations

Rundlet-May · Arrive Ready

1 · Breakfast, Checkout and a Clean Departure

Confirm the hotel's breakfast hours in advance; if they do not fit, arrange a carried breakfast without adding another trip across town. Pack and check out with **all** your luggage. For the **11:30 a.m. tour target, leave the hotel after checkout by about 10:30 a.m.** to allow for bags at the garage and the walk to the house. This is earlier than the hotel's published 11 a.m. checkout deadline.

Return to Hanover Garage, stow your bags securely and continue on foot. This avoids relying on hotel luggage storage, access to the room later or hotel parking after checkout. Plan a restroom stop before Rundlet-May, where public facilities have not been confirmed.

2 · Rundlet-May · A House with More Than One Present

Core visit · Confirm the tour and access first. The house has stairs and no ramps or lifts; discuss any proposed first-floor visit before booking.



Rundlet-May House, photographed in 2011.

Arrive: The published visitor address is **364 Middle Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801**. Follow Historic New England's current arrival instructions. The 15-minute arrival reserve is our planning allowance, not an operator check-in requirement.

continue the household story

Rundlet-May · What Generations Keep

Four generations left possessions here. Historic New England describes early wall coverings and furniture alongside twentieth-century additions, including a later GE range in a kitchen with a Rumford roaster. Let the guide explain what survives, what changed and how the household used it.

Look Closer: Notice which things remained useful or meaningful while new conveniences arrived. Ask whose labor kept the household running and how cooking and other domestic work changed. Service spaces may help tell that story, but this itinerary does not promise entry to a basement, scullery or service wing on the regular tour.

Continue: Carry one question into lunch: **What would you want the next household to be able to keep?**

Link: [Rundlet-May House and current tours](#)

3 · Ceres Bakery · Protect the Lunch Window

About 1 hour. Continue to **Ceres Bakery, 51 Penhallow Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801**. Its researched schedule was Tuesday–Saturday, 8 a.m.–2 p.m. Aim to arrive by about **12:45 p.m.** for an hour's lunch before closing. Confirm current hours and holiday changes; daily food choices, stock, seating and dietary suitability are not guaranteed.

The published lunch selection includes sandwiches, soup, quiche and salads. Choose what suits you that day. If the tour or walk runs late, or the available food does not work for you, use the carried-lunch plan below. Do not try to recover time by rushing the house tour or skipping lunch.

Link: [Ceres hours and address](#) · [Lunch menu](#)

choose your finish

The Cousins Household and Your Finish

4 · Optional Return · The Cousins Household

Allow 75 minutes at the museum, including entry and a restroom pause.

Arrive: Return through the **visitor center at 14 Hancock Street**, using the ticket terms and house opening confirmed with staff. Ask for Penhallow-Cousins rather than approaching an individual building from a street-side map pin.

The recreated Cousins apartment interprets the family's life from 1937 to 1943, using oral histories, archaeology and family objects. Eleanor worked as a maid and Kenneth as a chauffeur. The rooms add a different household scale and working life to the morning's visit.

Look Closer: Ask which parts of the interpretation come from family memories, donated objects or other evidence. These recreated rooms should be understood through that research, rather than treated as an untouched family apartment.

With a 4 p.m. museum closing, the planning model leaves roughly 55 minutes between the end of this visit and closing. Check actual opening and admission conditions for your date. This return is the **first stop to remove** if the day runs late, an interior is unavailable or you would prefer an earlier departure.

Continue: Leave time for the walk back and the garage departure tasks; the museum exit is not the end of the day's allowance.

Link: [Penhallow-Cousins House](#) · [Admission and ticket terms](#)

5 · Finish at the Car

Return to Hanover Garage, take a moment before driving, pay the applicable parking charge and collect the car. The trip ends here, with luggage already aboard. Add your own onward journey and any driving break you need.

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Make the Journey Your Own

One-Day Essentials · About 6–7 Hours

Take Day One's daytime circuit: **Hanover Garage** → **Strawbery Banke's selected houses** → **Prescott Park** → **River House** → **Market Square** → **Hanover Garage**. Keep the museum's three-hour allowance and the seated lunch pause. Choose a confirmed self-guided museum day. The one-day route omits Rundlet-May, the overnight and dinner; it offers the neighborhood essentials without attempting to squeeze the full two-day story into one day.

A Museum-Only Visit · About 3–4 Hours

Begin and finish at Strawbery Banke. Ask staff to help select the open house interpretations that best fit your interests and access needs. The museum's own lot can serve this version while you remain on site; its restrictions still apply. This is a reduced visit, without the town loop, restaurant meal or Rundlet-May.

Keep Rundlet-May and Shorten Day Two

After the house and Ceres lunch, return directly to Hanover Garage. With the same morning tour target, allow about **5 hours from breakfast preparation to garage departure**, finishing around early afternoon. Lunch ending and leaving the garage are separate tasks; keep the walk and departure allowance.

adapt the day

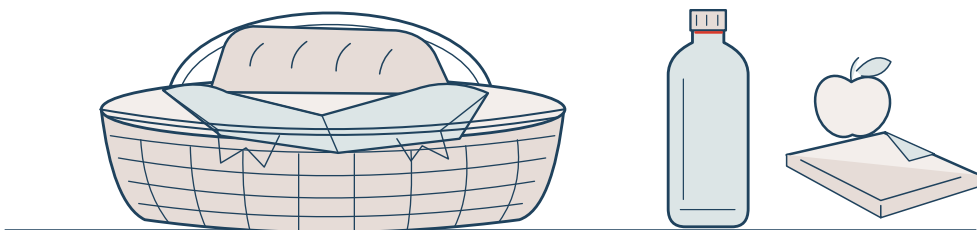
Lunch, Weather and a Changed Calendar

Carry Lunch and Keep the Museum Return

Bring lunch before setting out. After Rundlet-May, allow about **25 minutes** to reach the museum visitor center using current public directions. Eat in a permitted visitor-center, terrace or designated outdoor area, with about **45 minutes** for the meal, then retain the 75-minute museum visit. Food belongs in designated areas rather than historic interiors. This version takes about **6¼ hours from breakfast preparation to garage departure** under the same tour model. Confirm the day's food and re-entry arrangements with museum staff.

Weather, Access and a Changed Calendar

Shorten the park pause and town lingering when weather makes them uncomfortable. Ask the museum about actual conditions; indoor exhibits still require outdoor transfers, and severe weather can affect operations. If an essential interior cannot be visited, choose a different date for the two-day core or select the one-day essentials. Historic New England's Jackson House is a different possible future variation; its regular public-tour duration remains unconfirmed, so it is not offered as a timed substitute here.



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A Few Useful Habits

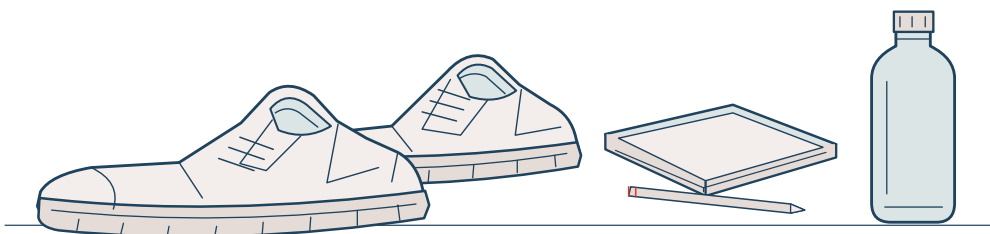
Keep the museum flexible. Ask for the day's official map, current house openings and restroom options at arrival. Use a bench or seated pause before you feel you need it. Individual interiors can change without the whole museum closing.

Budget by component. Allow separately for museum admission, the Rundlet-May tour, a one-night room and taxes, overnight public parking, two lunches, dinner and personal travel. There is no all-in trip price. Compare current ticket and cancellation terms before paying.

Check the parking rate at the machine. On the research date, the city's current garage-rates page listed Hanover at \$3 an hour with a \$60 daily maximum, while an older detail page still showed lower figures. Use the current posted terms and confirm how the daily maximum applies across an overnight stay; this guide does not quote a two-day parking bill.

Bring a small overnight bag and a lunch fallback. The car remains the luggage base after checkout. Carry water and only what you need for the house visits, following each operator's bag and food policies.

Keep one observation, rather than completing every room. A detail and a good question can be enough. These interpreted houses offer ways to think about change; they cannot establish how every old or new home performs, or prescribe what to repair in your own house.



keep your plans together

Your Reservation Details

Fill only the entries for your chosen option after confirming arrangements.
Suggested itinerary targets are not bookings.

Trip details	Your notes
Travel dates and traveling companions	
Arrival in Portsmouth and onward journey	
Access, food or other needs to discuss with operators	

Keep personal confirmations in your own copy.

Trip dates

Visit · Date / Time · Confirmation Number · Notes / Contact

Rundlet-May · Two days: tour, current length and arrival	Date / time	Confirmation number
	Notes	
Strawbery Banke · Day One admission and open houses	Date / time	Confirmation number
	Notes	
Strawbery Banke · Optional Day Two return	Date / time	Confirmation number
	Notes	

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Your Meals and Tables

Meal · Date / Time · Confirmation Number · Notes / Contact

**River House lunch ·
First-come seating,
not a reservation**

Date / time

Confirmation number

Notes

**The Puddle Dock
dinner · Two
days**

Date / time

Confirmation number

Notes

**Day Two breakfast
hours / carried
breakfast**

Date / time

Confirmation number

Notes

**Day Two Ceres
lunch / carried-
lunch alternative**

Date / time

Confirmation number

Notes

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Your Nights and Transport

Arrangement · Date / Time · Confirmation Number · Notes / Contact

One-night hotel · Room access and cancellation terms	Date / time	Confirmation number
	Notes	
Check-in and checkout · All bags to the car	Date / time	Confirmation number
	Notes	
Hanover Garage · Day or overnight terms and charges	Date / time	Confirmation number
	Notes	
Rental car · Pickup / return, if applicable	Date / time	Confirmation number
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Other transport · Personal arrangements	Date / time	Confirmation number
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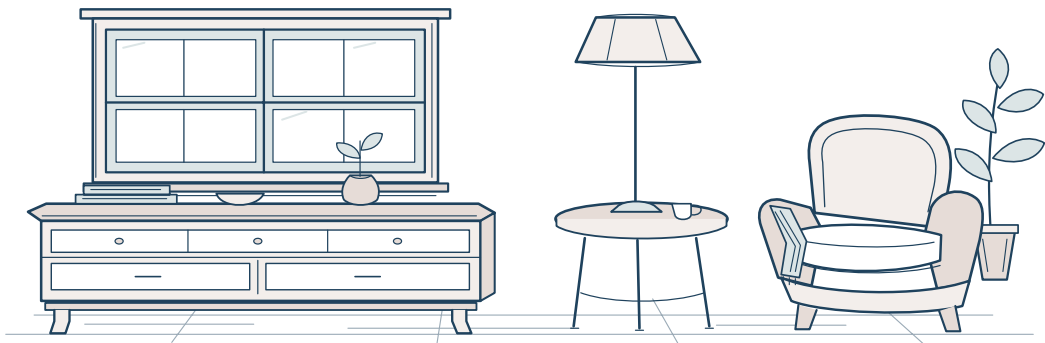
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What You Bring Home

A home carries evidence of choices: what a family needed, what someone could afford, what work had to happen and what mattered enough to keep. Portsmouth gives you time to look at those choices across different households.

Perhaps you will remember a separate entrance, a later appliance or a room reconstructed from a resident's memory. Let that detail stay with you. The enduring home is an inviting question to bring back to your own front door:

What helps this place keep making room for life?



visitor references

Plan the House Visits

Confirm operator details and arrangements for your travel dates.

01 Strawbery Banke: plan a visit.

Confirm actual dates, daily openings, return entry and designated eating areas.

Address: Lawrence J. Yerdon Visitors Center, 14 Hancock Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801. Link: strawberybanke.org

02 Museum admission.

Check current prices and consecutive-operating-day terms. Link: strawberybanke.org

03 Museum accessibility.

Discuss the selected houses and your access needs. Link: strawberybanke.org

04 Rundlet-May House.

Choose a current public tour; confirm its length, arrival and access before booking travel. Address: 364 Middle Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801. Link:

historicnewengland.org

05 Prescott Park.

Check public-park notices before the waterfront pause. Location: Marcy Street edge, Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Link: portsmouthnh.gov

visitor references

Arrange the Stay, Meals and Parking

06 Hampton Inn & Suites Portsmouth Downtown.

Confirm the actual one-night stay, room needs, terms and breakfast hours. Address: 23 Portwalk Place, Portsmouth, NH 03801. Link: [hilton.com](https://www.hilton.com)

07 Hanover Garage and current garage rates.

Reconcile posted charges and overnight terms before parking. Address: 34 Hanover Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801. Link: [portsmouthnh.gov](https://www.portsmouthnh.gov)

08 River House.

Confirm service, menu and seating needs; first come, first served. Address: 53 Bow Street, Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Link: [riverhouse53bow.com](https://www.riverhouse53bow.com)

09 The Puddle Dock.

Confirm dinner arrangements and dietary fit. Address: 66 Marcy Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801. Link: [thepuddledock.com](https://www.thepuddledock.com)

10 Ceres Bakery.

Check the short lunch window and any holiday changes. Address: 51 Penhallow Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801. Link: [ceresbakery.com](https://www.ceresbakery.com)

visitor references

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11 Strawbery Banke's houses.

Background for the selected Day One interpretations; a house description does not guarantee daily interior access. Link: strawberybanke.org

12 Penhallow-Cousins House.

The research behind the optional recreated family apartment. Enter through the museum visitor center. Link: strawberybanke.org

13 Museum history.

Context for the neighborhood and the museum that interprets it. Link: strawberybanke.org

14 Heritage House Program.

Continuing residential and office use within the preservation program; leased interiors are private. Link: strawberybanke.org

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