



MAINE PUBLIC RADIO GUIDE TO ROAD TRIP GAMES

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Welcome to Maine Public Radio's Guide to Road Trip Games!

All of us at Maine Public, the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety, and the Maine Turnpike Authority want you to have a wonderful summer experience here in Maine. There is so much to see and do! We also want you to have fun playing our road trip games and be safe! That starts with your car's driver concentrating on the driving while everyone else in the car is playing the games! Have fun!



Bananas!

This one is easy; it's all about spotting yellow cars. Whoever spots and claims the most yellow cars at the end of the trip wins. You claim them by loudly yelling "Banana!" any time you see one. It's a contagious game and you'll find yourself playing even when just running errands around town. Psst...Yellow Volkswagen Bugs are worth three points!



Eastport, Maine is considered the first place in the United States to receive the morning sun.



The Classic: I Spy

One person spies something inside the car (objects outside the moving car just wouldn't be fair!) and recites the line, "I spy with my little eye, something BLANK." The BLANK is some descriptor of the item that they have zeroed in on. For example, "I spy with my little eye, something green!" Everyone else takes turns trying to guess the mystery item. The person who first guesses the object correctly wins and they get to go next.



Maine has 3,478 miles of coastline, more than California, by just 51 miles.



Did you hear that...?

Pop culture and news collide for a fun game of fact or fiction. You are trying to fool all of the other passengers. You start by asking, "Did you hear that _____ happened?" You then add in a few details to flesh out the story. Be careful to mix in some true, but zany stories as well as ones that you pull out of thin air. Your fellow passengers can either say, "That didn't happen" or "That seems possible." Whoever correctly guesses, gets two points. You get two points for every person who guesses incorrectly and they lose 1 point. First person to 11 points wins!

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I'm Going on a Picnic

Who has the best memory in the car? Let's see! This alphabet-based memory game can be played with as few as two players, but it's more fun when the whole family joins in. Here's how it works!

The first player says, "I'm going on a picnic and I'm bringing..." followed by something that begins with A, such as apples. The second player repeats what the first person said, but adds something that begins with B. So he or she might say "I'm going on a picnic and I'm bringing apples and bananas." And so on with C, D, and the rest of the alphabet. If someone forgets an item, he or she is out. To be fair, feel free to be lenient and give hints to younger players. The last player to be able to recite all the items on the list wins!



Maine has more moose per mile than any other state — this includes Miles the Moose!

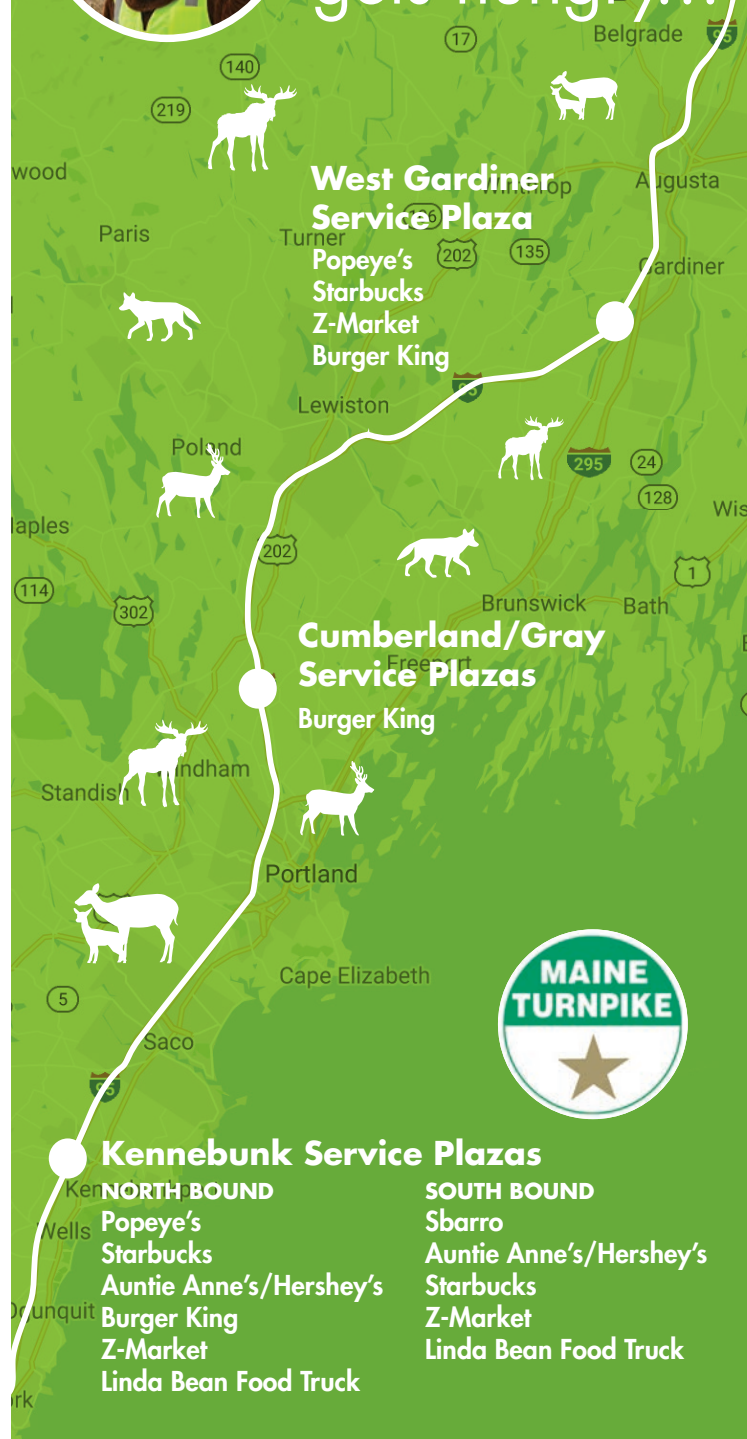
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The Alphabet Game

Signs, signs everywhere! The perfect opportunity to play a game! And this one is a classic. Perform this as teams or solo players. You'll want to utilize road signs, shop names, license plates — any reading material outside the window qualifies. You'll be looking for every letter of the alphabet, in alphabetical order, although the letter can be located anywhere in the word. For example, say you see a sign for the city of Auburn — there's your A and B! A sign for Construction would give you your C. The first one to the letter Z wins!



When Miles the Moose gets hungry...





Are you breaking the law when you drive?



Is it legal or illegal to:

1. Text at a stoplight if your car has come to a complete and full stop?
2. Drive with a dog in your lap?
3. Drive and speak on a cell phone when you are 17?
4. Drive with headphones on?
5. Read an email while driving?
6. Text while safely pulled over and lawfully stopped on the side of the road?



The Geography Game

One of the best parts of being on the road with the family is that they get to learn a lot about the geography of the United States AND Maine! The game starts when one player names a location, for example Nebraska. The next person must name a location in the United States that starts with the last letter of that word — the letter “A.” For example, Anchorage. States, cities, rivers, counties... anything you might find on a map is fair game. You can score this game if you like — making states worth 1 point, towns or cities worth 2 points and national parks, waterways and mountains worth 3 points. If it happens to be in Maine, add an extra point!



Maine's Acadia National Park is the second most visited park in the United States, second only to Yellowstone.



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Just Drive!

Answers:	Legal:	6	Legal, but just stupid:	4
	Legal, but not advised:	2	Illegal:	1, 3, 5

SAFE TRAVEL TIPS



A great family trip starts with safe driving. Enjoy your travels!



Get proper rest. Set aside time to pack your clothes, load your vehicle and get a full night's sleep for you and your family so you can all set out fresh and rested.



Buckle up, and make sure all passengers are secured properly with safety belts and age-appropriate child safety seats before you head out on your trip. Make sure pets are secure, too!



Fully focus on driving. Do not let anything divert your attention, actively scan the road, use your mirrors and watch out for pedestrians and cyclists.



Store loose gear, possessions and other distractions that could roll around in the car, so you do not feel tempted to reach for them on the floor or the seat.



Put aside your electronic distractions, there is no need for the driver to make calls, text or email while driving! To avoid temptation, power down or stow devices before heading out.



Be on the lookout for the Maine Turnpike State Farm Safety Patrol!

The safety patrol is a free service that provides assistance to stranded motorists on the Maine Turnpike. The Safety Patrol also clears the Turnpike of debris and other hazards and provides temporary traffic control at minor accident scenes to help keep Maine Turnpike customers safe and traffic flowing smoothly.

The Safety Patrol offers free, limited roadside assistance to drivers in need and are equipped with emergency lighting and road flares to further increase safety for stranded motorists, and also to help relieve congested traffic at the scenes of incidents and accidents. The Maine Turnpike Authority is proud to offer this service, sponsored by State Farm, to all motorists who travel the Maine Turnpike.

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ROAD TRIP WORD SEARCH

Find each of these Maine Turnpike related words in the Road Trip Word Search:

Miles The Moose	Road Trip Buckle Up	Lanes Turn Signals	Portland Augusta
Safety Patrol	Service Plaza	Speed Limit	Welcome
EZ Pass	Superhighway	Be Safe	Come Again
Turnpike	Maine	Wells	Explore

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F	N	U	E	S	O	O	M	E	H	T	S	E	L	I	M
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V	F	S	A	L	F	Z	E	K	I	P	N	R	U	T	D



The highest mountain in Maine is Mount Katahdin, 5,268-foot in elevation.

**HEADS UP!
SAFETY IS A
TWO-WAY STREET.**

Let's all work together to
make Maine's roads safer!

Attention Drivers!

- * Minimum of 3 feet between pedestrians or bicyclists and your vehicle. It's the law!
- * Always yield to pedestrians in crosswalks
- * Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians
- * Always look behind you when backing up



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United States (& Canada) License Plate Game

Give everyone a piece of paper and a writing implement. Work together as a team or compete against one another to see how many license plates you can spot from different states and provinces. Write down the name of each state spotted. Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Quebec should be easy to spot! The goal, of course, is to nab all 50 states and a few Canadian provinces as well. When you reach your destination, the person with the most states identified wins!



Miles the Moose says...

20Q

Twenty Questions



Watch out for wildlife!

- Moose and deer are most active around dawn and dusk.
- Be especially alert after sunset because these dark colored animals can be very hard to see until they are right in front of your headlights.
- Moose are hard to spot because they are taller than deer and their eyes won't reflect your headlights.

This is a really easy game and is great for younger kids thanks to its straightforward rules. Player One thinks of a person, place or thing. Everyone else takes turns asking questions that can be answered with a simple yes or no. Never provide any more information than that! After each answer, the questioner gets one guess. Play continues until a player guesses correctly or until 20 questions have been asked. If the person, place or thing isn't successfully identified, Player One wins! Everyone should take turns and see who can stump the family the best.



Two Truths And A Lie

How well do you know your fellow travelers? Here's a fun way to find out! Each person shares three statements, two of which are true and one of which is false. Everyone else has to guess which of the statements is the lie. The person keeps going until the untruthful statement is identified. The person who discovers the untruthful statement goes next!



Maine's Child Passenger Safety law is one of the strongest in the country!

The Maine Bureau of Highway Safety strongly urges you to:

- * Keep children in rear-facing car seats until they're at least 2 yrs. old
- * Keep children in booster seats until the age of 12 or they reach 4'9"
- * Keep children in the back seat until they weigh 100 lbs.
- * Maine law requires properly used and installed safety restraints for children at all times!



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The Association Chain Game

See how far you can string along words through association. One person begins with a word. The following person has to think of a word that is associated with it. For example, someone might start with "taco salad" and the next person might say "Caesar." Then someone might say "Rome" to be followed up by "Empire." The game continues until somebody completely messes up or says something totally far-fetched!



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New England states combined!**

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