

5 WAYS TO GET TO BANGOR

Downeast Transportation offers bus service from Bar Harbor and Ellsworth to Bangor on Mondays and Fridays, and from Blue Hill and Bucksport to Bangor on Mondays. This low-cost service provides convenient access to midday shopping and medical appointments.

West Transportation's Calais-Bangor bus departs Ellsworth daily for Bangor at 12:25 p.m. The southbound trip from Bangor arrives in Ellsworth at 4:05 p.m. Connections to Bar Harbor are available Monday through Friday via a Downeast Transportation bus that departs Ellsworth City Hall at 4:20 p.m. You can reach West Transportation at (800) 596-2823.

Vermont Transit provides one daily round

trip from Bar Harbor to Boston via Bangor during the summer season. Check with Vermont Transit to confirm that the service is operating. (800) 894-3355

The Bar Harbor-Bangor Shuttle offers year-round transportation to Bangor International Airport, Bangor intercity bus terminals, and Hollywood Slots. Call 479-5911 for rates and schedules.

If your needs don't match the available fixed-route schedules, try calling WHCA Transportation (664-2424). Seniors and disabled persons can call Island Connections on Mount Desert Island (288-4457), or Faith in Action Community Connections in Ellsworth (664-6016).

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Do your buses have wheelchair lifts?

A: Yes, all Downeast Transportation buses are equipped with wheelchair lifts.

Q: Are your buses equipped with child seats?

A: No, passengers must bring their own child seats.

Q: Can the driver make change?

A: No, please have the exact fare ready when boarding.

Q: Where can I purchase multiple-ride tickets?

A: You can purchase tickets from bus drivers or at the DTI office on Main Street in Ellsworth.

Q: What is the difference between round-trip and one-way fares?

A: On most routes, the round-trip fare is the same as the one-way fare, provided you complete your trip in the same day.

Q: Whom do I call for information about the Island Explorer?

A: The Island Explorer is a seasonal shuttle operated by Downeast Transportation. For Island Explorer information, call (207) 288-5473 or visit www.exploreacadia.com.

Q: Can I get to L.L.Bean or Wal-Mart on the Island Explorer?

A: No, Island Explorer shuttles do not serve Ellsworth. Instead, Downeast Transportation operates year-round bus service between Bar Harbor and Ellsworth Monday through Friday. The one-way fare is \$5. There is no charge for return trips made the same day. Buses depart the Hannaford supermarket in Bar Harbor at 9:10 a.m. and depart Ellsworth City Hall at 1:20 p.m.

ADDITIONAL MIDDAY SERVICE FROM BLUE HILL

On Wednesdays, a bus departs Blue Hill for Bucksport at 8:40a and arrives in Bucksport at 9:10a. The return trip departs Bucksport Wednesdays at 1:45p and arrives in Blue Hill 2:20p. This bus makes intermediate stops at the Orland town office at 9:00a and 1:55p. Tuesdays and Thursdays, a bus departs Blue Hill for Ellsworth at 8:15a. The return trip departs Ellsworth City Hall for Blue Hill at 2:00p.

DOWNEAST SERVICE DETAILS

HOLIDAYS

Buses do not operate on national holidays. In addition, there is no midday bus service between Christmas and New Year's.

WHEELCHAIR LIFTS AND ACCESSIBILITY

All Downeast Transportation buses are equipped with wheelchair lifts. If you can't get to a bus stop, we may be able to come to you. Call 667-5796 for information and assistance.

MIDDAY FARES

\$1.00 per day within one town, \$2.50 between neighboring towns, and \$5 for longer Hancock County rides.

Rides to Bangor cost \$9 from Bar Harbor and Blue Hill, and \$7 from Ellsworth and Bucksport. The round-trip fare is the same as the one-way fare, provided you complete your trip in one day.

COMMUTER FARES

Commuter service to Bar Harbor from Bangor and Cherryfield costs \$17.50 per week. Commuter service to Bar Harbor from



Franklin and Ellsworth costs \$14.50 per week. The single-ride fare is \$5. Subscribers receive priority seating on buses from Bangor, Cherryfield, and Franklin, with single rides offered on a space-available basis. Commuter service between Ellsworth and Blue Hill costs \$20 per week. The single-ride fare is \$5. Subscribers receive priority seating, with single rides offered on a space-available basis.



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YEAR-ROUND BUSES OFFER NEW WAYS TO SAVE

BAR HARBOR COMMUTERS

Improved commuter service between Ellsworth and Bar Harbor is expected to eliminate more than one million vehicle miles a year from local roadways. It will mean cash savings for area workers, new job opportunities for people without cars, less congestion, and a reduction in greenhouse gases linked to global climate change.

People who work in Bar Harbor have a choice of four arrival times in the morning and four afternoon departures, making Route 3 between Ellsworth and the Jackson Laboratory one of the best served transit corridors in Maine. The fare for long-distance subscribers is \$17.50 a week. The fare for Ellsworth-Bar Harbor subscribers is \$14.50 a week.

RIDER COMMENTS

From the January 2007 Onboard Survey

"I get to work safely and on time, and I save gas and miles on my car."

—Jackson Lab commuter from Surry

"My driver is very dependable and safe, and is better in the snow than I am. The commute allows me to rest to and from work."—Jackson Lab commuter from Franklin

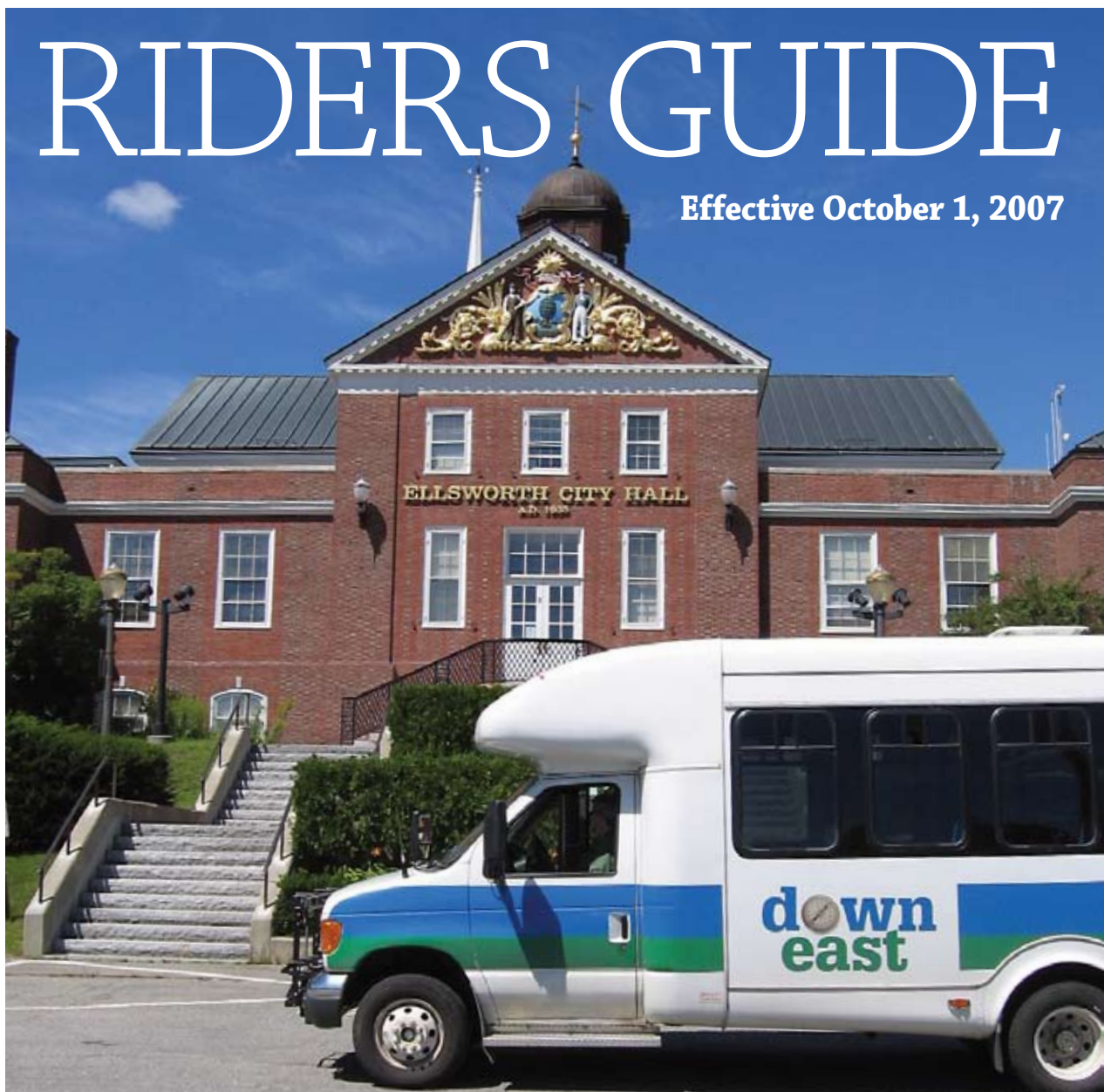
"If not for this bus, I would not be at Jackson Lab. I cannot drive that far daily."—Jackson Lab commuter from Holden

"I like it a lot because it allows me to get out and about on my own."

—Bucksport resident on the Bucksport Shuttle

"I might not go if I had to drive myself. Drivers are wonderful. The bus is clean and comfortable." —Passenger from Bar Harbor on the midday bus to Bangor

"I like the friends, the ride, the drivers, getting out, the route, the passing countryside." —Passenger from Sedgwick on the Stonington bus



These improvements have been made possible by a major financial commitment from Jackson Laboratory, with additional support from Acadia National Park. The Maine Department of Transportation has agreed to match local funds with a grant from the Federal Transit Administration.

The Route 3 commuter program will help improve parking in downtown Bar Harbor by giving seasonal and year-round workers an opportunity to reach in-town jobs without their cars. It will include some trips for Bar Harbor residents who work in Ellsworth, as well as continued transportation for disabled adults who participate in programs provided by Downeast Horizons.

SHOPPING TRIPS TO ELLSWORTH AND BANGOR

Midday trips from Bar Harbor and Ellsworth to Bangor are available on Mondays and Fridays. Bus service from Blue Hill and Bucksport to Bangor operates on Mondays. In Bangor, bus drivers provide customized drop-offs and pick-ups at medical offices, as well as scheduled stops in downtown Bangor and at the Bangor Mall.

Downeast Transportation continues to operate a popular one-day-a-week bus between Stonington and Ellsworth, a route that has been in service for more than 25 years.

Midday shopping trips from Bar Harbor to Ellsworth have been expanded to five days a week. Buses to Ellsworth provide access to doctors' offices, as well as to downtown Ellsworth and other major shopping destinations.

IN-TOWN SHUTTLES

For several years, many Bucksport resi-

dents have relied on the one-day-a-week Bucksport Shuttle for easy access to the grocery store, the bank, the drug store, the hardware store, and other local errands.

Downeast Transportation has added similar in-town shuttles for Ellsworth, Bar Harbor, and Southwest Harbor. Shuttles offer a wide choice of travel times. All four shuttles include rides to the Meals for Me lunch program, as well as stops at local hospitals and clinics. Ellsworth and Bar Harbor shuttles include stops at their local YMCAs.

TRANSPORTATION DIRECTORY

Downeast Transportation
(207) 667-5796

Bar Harbor-Bangor Shuttle
479-5911

Concord Trailways
(800) 639-3317

Faith in Action
Community Connections
664-6016

Island Connections
288-4457

Vermont Transit
(800) 894-3355

West's Coastal Connection
(800) 596-2823

WHCA Transportation
664-2424