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# Get Away From it All

## Sailing Adventures Newsletter

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*New this season:*

### Ecological, Historical and Cultural Adventure Vacations



*View from the summit of Butter Island*

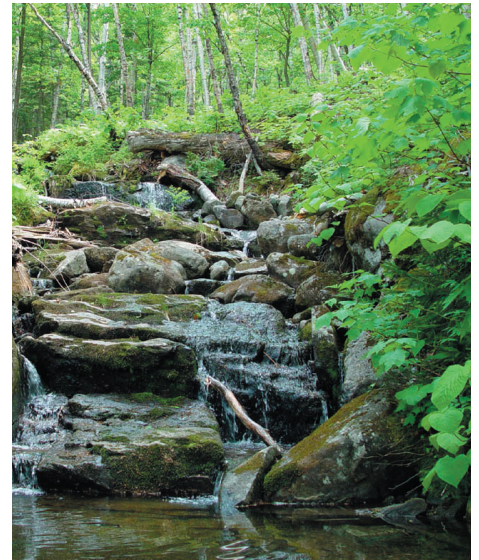
As we move into the next century we are becoming more aware of our need to foster an understanding of Maine, its fragile environment and its many peoples. More and more outside pressures are being applied that are forever changing the landscape and the very fabric of Maine's diverse culture. Martha and Don are now including as part of their efforts to promote Maine's natural splendor active ecotourism travel packages. The Department of Natural Resources Planning & Interpretation's Institute for Ecological Tourism at Humboldt State University defines ecotourism as the purposeful travel to natural areas to understand the culture and natural history of the environment, taking care not to alter the integrity of the ecosystem while

producing economic opportunities that make the conservation of natural resources beneficial to local people.

New for the 2006 season, Get Away From it All is pleased to announce several new additions to our efforts. We are offering new this season: Ecological, Historical and Cultural Adventure Vacations including: Wooden Boat Shows, Regattas, Rendezvous, and Races; Skill Building Sailing Adventures with a Licensed Captain; Low impact Wildlife and Natural Experiences; American History Excursions; Cultural & Musical Events Sailing; Authentic Maine Adventure Cruises; Wine tasting; Exclusive 7 & 14 Day Cruises to really get you sailing. Check out the new destination maps on our web site.

*These tours are not part of the "tourist route"*

New for the 2006 Season we are offering our guests an opportunity to experience Maine as only those who live here year round can offer. These tours are not part of the "tourist route". In fact you can choose to visit areas far from the beaten path rarely visited by anyone but the locals. We stress the word active. Sailing, walking, hiking, biking, kayaking, horseback riding, rock climbing and canoeing can all have a measure of strenuous activity.



*A secret waterfall*

We can arrange a vacation package at just the right level of activity specifically for you and at a price that fits your budget. Don't wait too long availability goes quickly. Visit us on the Web: [www.gafia.com](http://www.gafia.com)

**Maine the Way Life Should Be... and is for some ~ Let us show you the real Maine!**