Buildings/Places of Interest

1. Center for Environmental Education
2. Aviaries
3. Frog Pond
4. Treehouse—Protection of groundwater quality
5. White House
6. Orchard House
7. To Blueberry Hill
8. Osprey Lodge
9. Cattails—Protection of groundwater quality
10. Pete Gillies
11. Ranch House
12. Hilton—Bathhouse
13. Juniper Del
14. Spruce Lodge
15. To the Point
16. Campfire Circle
17. Last Resort
18. New Meadows
19. Summer Infirmary
20. Farmhouse—Energy saving windows, conservation of fuel, direct solar heating of water, and outside lighting
21. Hilltop
22. Chateau
23. Gazebo
25. Farmhouse—Energy saving windows, conservation of fuel for heating, conservation of electricity for lighting, cooling and water.
26. C.E. Allen Natural History Center—Passive solar heating of living space and direct solar heating of water.
27. George R. Wallace III Dining Center and Main Barn—Conservation of fuel for heating, conservation of electricity for lighting, cooling and water.
28. Wood Shed
29. Recycling Center
30. Park Avenue
31. Coleman Shed
32. Wilderness Trip Shed
33. Pack-Out
34. The Warren
35. Saltwater Shed
36. Betty Decker
37. Hoyt's
38. Boathouse
39. Sticklake
40. Fenway
41. Gros's Nest
42. Ball Shed
43. The Palace
44. Jungle
45. New Hall
46. Fo'c'sle
47. Quarter Deck
48. Boathouse
49. Waterfront
50. Showers
51. Long Hall
52. The Plaza
53. Juniper
54. Bonsai
55. South Hall
56. Binnacle
57. Outhaul
58. Boatshop/Maintenance
59. Garage
60. C3 Bio-diesel Production
61. Bio-diesel Tanks
62. Sail Shed/Hen House
63. Hoop House
64. Leach Fields—Protection of groundwater quality
65. North Pasture—Conservation of electricity for lighting and general appliances as well as the conservation of water or watering gardens

General Areas

A. Reception/Visitor Parking
B. Osprey Circle
C. The Quad
D. Lower Field Parking
E. Staff Parking

Conservation Usage

- Passive solar heating
- Direct solar heating
- Energy saving windows
- Conservation of fuel
- Conservation of electricity
- Water conservation
- Protection of groundwater quality
The Chewonki Foundation is a non-profit educational institution organized in 1962. The diverse programs of the Chewonki Foundation are drawn clearly and cleanly from our educational mission:

The Chewonki Foundation is dedicated to helping people grow individually and in community with others by providing educational experiences that foster an understanding and appreciation of the natural world and that emphasize the power of focused, collective effort.

Chewonki serves people of all ages throughout the year. The living is simple and our communities are always small. We teach and learn in settings that take advantage of indoor and outdoor classrooms, the woods and water of Maine and beyond, as well as the land and buildings of our 400-acre campus. All of our programs are intensive, challenging, and joyful. They explore the interrelationships that exist between people and their world.

Chewonki participants and leaders work hard in activities that challenge them physically and intellectually and help build self-confidence and a strong sense of community. They are measurably touched by their experience and return home with a greater awareness of the world around them.

Chewonki Neck is a 400-acre peninsula surrounded by tidal bays, inlets, and salt marsh. The original meaning of the Penobscot word is lost, but local legend has long defined it as “the place of the turning” node or turning point. “The place of the turning” suits the spirit of all that we do.

CAMP CHEWONKI

Summer Camp and Wilderness Expeditions
Since 1917 counselors and boys have spent the summer swimming, sailing, canoeing, hiking and exploring the State of Maine. The naturalist, ornithologist and painter, Roger Tory Peterson, directed the nature program in the late 1920s and early 1930s, and he wrote the first edition of A Field Guide to the Birds while at Chewonki. That legacy of nature and conservation study remains at the heart of Camp Chewonki.

The saltwater camp for boys, ages 8-15, still operates on the shores of Montow scant Bay and new opportunities for girls are now offered.

Summer-long and shorter co-ed wilderness expeditions for teenagers have grown from this central program. Expeditions reach out along the entire coast of Maine in traditional 24’ sailing and rowing boats, modern sea kayaks, and in plywood kayaks built by participants. Other expeditions head out across the broad expanse of the north woods in canoes and on foot and reach as far as the boreal forest of Central Quebec. In addition, we are developing several new programs and expeditions for girls.

WILDERNESS

Wilderness Trips for Adults, Families, Individuals and Schools
Throughout the year, we offer a wide variety of workshops and wilderness trips to people of all ages—senior citizens, schools, family groups, and individuals. These Chewonki groups canoe the rivers of Maine and Quebec, sail and sea kayak the Maine Coast, and canoe the Okéfeneokee of Florida. We hike and cross-country ski the mountains of Maine and explore the mountains and rivers of Baffin Island.

In addition, we work with the international Elderhostel program to offer canoe trips and workshops.

The Big Eddy Campground
Chewonki operates The Big Eddy Campground on the shores of the West Branch of the Penobscot River at the world famous Land-Locked Salmon pool—the Big Eddy. Forty miles west of Millinocket, Maine on the Golden Road, the Big Eddy Campground has ample sites for fishermen and families. Chewonki also offers formal and informal programs at the Big Eddy that take advantage of the many nearby rivers, lakes and Baxter State Park.

MAINE COAST SEMESTER

A Program for Eleventh Grade Students
The Maine Coast Semester was created in 1986 as a way to combine the best of a Chewonki experience with a rigorous academic curriculum. Courses in English and the Natural History of the Maine Coast form the core of the program, and students may elect Environmental Issues, Art and the Natural World, American History, Spanish, French, and Mathematics (Algebra through Calculus). Students spend their afternoons working on the farm, in the wood lot or on a variety of maintenance projects. Each semester, thirty-six highly capable and motivated students and fourteen faculty members work together as colleagues in an endeavor that is enhanced and brightened by hands-on, cooperative and interdisciplinary activities and studies.

Leadership
When past participants are asked to identify the most important ingredient that made their time at Chewonki special, they are likely to mention leadership. Women and men with years of experience in the classroom and years on the trail, the river, or the ocean are skilled in the tools of their trade. The core group of leaders are year-round staff members whose full-time job is teaching.

For more information on program dates and costs, financial aid, academic credit, and admissions, and for more detailed descriptions of our courses and programs, please call or write:

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