

Visitors Flying into the Project Puffin Visitor Center after Pandemic Closure

Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of puffins nesting on Eastern Egg Rock, the Project Puffin Visitor Center reopens its doors.



ROCKLAND, MAINE (September 30, 2021) – After an 18 month closure, the Project Puffin Visitor Center at 311 Main Street in Rockland reopened its doors on September 8th. A great stop for visitors of all ages, the Visitor Center features exhibits, an award winning documentary, a gift shop and more, celebrating the success of Project Puffin’s attempt to bring Atlantic Puffins back to their historic nesting islands in the Gulf of Maine. This past summer, the program celebrated the 40th Anniversary of puffins nesting on Eastern Egg Rock after a 100 year long absence.

“The story of Project Puffin began here in Maine, but seabirds around the world have benefitted from the ongoing research of our program” said Susan Meadows, Project Puffin Visitor Center Manager. “There is a world map in the center that illustrates colonies of various species that have been positively impacted by our work. It’s very exciting to continue telling our story here in the heart of Maine’s midcoast where it all began.”

The center is open daily from 10:00AM-5:00PM through October 31st with a break for lunch between 12:30PM-1:00PM. Protocols have been put in place to combat the spread of COVID19. Limited

capacity allows for 10 visitors at a time and face masks covering the nose and mouth are required while inside the building. The *“Project Puffin”* film is played every hour, on the hour with its final airing of the day at 4:00PM. Center hours will shift in November before closing for the season on December 20. The Project Puffin Visitor Center will reopen after its winter break in May 2022.

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