

# Embark on a Journey Through *Herstory*: Bath Women's History Walking Tour!

**Bath, Maine – [May 6th, 2024]** – Dive into the captivating stories of the remarkable women who shaped history in the City of Ships with "Corsets & Causes"—Women's History Walking Tour from [Embark Maine Tours](#). This informative and engaging tour debuts this Mother's Day weekend, offering a fresh perspective on Bath's rich past as a 19th century shipping and shipbuilding powerhouse.

Led by Meg Barker, the founder and owner/operator of Embark Maine Tours, the 90-minute tour weaves together the narratives of inspiring women who defied expectations and left their mark from roughly 1850-1920, or Seneca Falls to Suffrage, all within a five block radius in Bath's federal historic district. You'll hear about:

- **Pioneering advocates:** Learn about champions of change like Annie Hayden, whose views on the Civil War draft may have kept her off some party guest lists; she later married Thomas W. Hyde, founder of Bath Iron Works. You'll also meet Statira Patten, daughter of shipbuilder George F. Patten, who, in the 1870s sued her father's estate - and won.
- **Visionary leaders:** Meet Sarah Sampson, whose work as a Civil War nurse and advocacy for veterans and their widows and orphans left a 100+ year legacy in Maine; witness the leadership of Camilla Sewall and her husband, the ubiquitous Harold M., who fought for women's suffrage and abolition.
- **Groundbreaking artists:** Be inspired by the stories of women like Emma Sewall (photography) and Emma Eames (opera) who broke barriers at the top of their fields, shocking audiences.

"The 'Corsets & Causes' tour sheds light on the often-overlooked contributions of women to Bath's history," says Meg Steele Barker of Embark Maine Tours. "We're excited to share these inspiring stories and empower participants to see Bath—and their own lives—through a new lens."

## Tour Details:

- Offered both Saturday and Sunday of Mother's Day weekend, then regularly on Sundays and Fridays throughout the summer and fall.
- Tours depart from the Patten Free Library and cover just over a mile of Bath's scenic historic district.

- Tickets are \$25 per person, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the Maine Women's Lobby's Education Fund.
- Advanced tickets are recommended and can be purchased online at [embarkmainetours.com](http://embarkmainetours.com)

**Book your unforgettable walk through Bath's *herstory* today!**

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**About Embark Maine Tours**

Embark Maine Tours, a walking tour company in Bath, Maine, launched in May 2021. Founder Meg Steele Barker is an elementary school librarian in Bath, and a veteran of C-SPAN, the Library of Congress, and the National Park Service. She founded the company coming out of the pandemic school year, in part to follow her own passion for history but also as a way to help welcome tourists back to the state. Embark Maine Tours offers a variety of walking tours that explore one of the most well-preserved historic cities in New England and bring the rich history of Bath, Maine, to life for locals and visitors alike.