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Seasonal Service to Old Orchard Beach

Maine – The Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority (NNEPRA) announced that the Amtrak Downeaster seasonal service to Old Orchard Beach began today, Monday, May 20, 2024. From expansive beaches to amusement parks and the famous pier fries, there’s something for everyone to enjoy within walking distance of the Old Orchard Beach train platform.

The Amtrak Downeaster reports a 38% increase in ridership to the Old Orchard Beach station since 2020 and a 148% increase since Downeaster service began to Old Orchard Beach in 2002.

Downeaster adult fares within Maine range from just \$3 - \$11 one-way. Seniors (65+) and children (2-12) ride for half price every day. Additionally, the Discover Maine Rail Pass, valid for 10 one-way trips on the Amtrak Downeaster between any Maine station within a 7-day period for just \$19 per person is available for purchase.

“The Downeaster stops in so many great and walkable destinations like, Freeport, Old Orchard Beach, Saco, and Brunswick. This pass gives locals, as well as visitors spending multiple nights in the area, the flexibility to travel without the hassle and expense of driving and parking,” said Marketing Director, Taylor Belanger. The Discover Maine Rail Pass is available

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through all of Amtrak's distribution channels including online, mobile app, station ticketing kiosks and call center.

Additional, effective May 20, Downeaster Trains 689/699/1689 will operate as L stops at all stations north of Woburn. An L-Stop allows the train to leave stations north of Woburn up to 10 minutes early if there are no reserved passengers expected. This change reinforces the need for passengers to make advance reservations on late night trains.

For information visit AmtrakDowneaster.com.