

# The Native Americans of Muscongus Bay

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Long before the English settlers came to Maine, Native Americans lived here developing a rich culture that continues to this day. Take some time to learn about the native people of New Harbor and the history of our area!

In New Harbor we recognize that we are on occupied native land. The first people of this land were called the **Abenaki** which in their language (called **Algonquian**) means "People of the Eastern Dawn." Today, the native tribes of Maine are the **Maliseet, Micmac, Penobscot, and Passamaquoddy**. All together, the tribes of Maine are can be called the **Wabanaki** Nations which means "People of the Dawnland."

One of the most well known Abenaki of our area was a man named **Samoset**. Samoset was born on Monhegan island around 1600 and was a **sagamore** (a type of chief) for his tribe.

Samoset is remembered as being the first Native American to make contact with the English in Plymouth, MA in 1621. Samoset is thought to have died in 1652 in now Bristol, Maine.



Picture of the Samoset Monument (New Harbor, ME)

A **monument** to honor Samoset for "Welcoming the English at Plymouth" was placed in New Harbor in 1905. The monument is also meant to represent the supposed first deed executed in New England in 1625. You can find this monument on your walk down to Hardy Boat Cruises from our parking lot!

To learn more about the Wabanaki Nations please visit [www.abbemuseum.org](http://www.abbemuseum.org)

Want to find out more about Samoset? Scan the QR code to se a video made by the Bristol Parks & Recreation Department!

