1960

Public Parks in Maine

State of Maine, State Park Commission

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/mainehistory

Part of the History Commons

This Monograph is brought to you for free and open access by DigitalCommons@UMaine. It has been accepted for inclusion in Maine History Documents by an authorized administrator of DigitalCommons@UMaine. For more information, please contact um.library.technical.services@maine.edu.
Please note:

Libraries and archives collect materials from different time periods to preserve and make available the historical record. The information in this circa 1960 brochure is no longer accurate and should not be used for planning a visit.
**INFORMATION TABLE**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>National Parks</th>
<th>Mail Address</th>
<th>Acres</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Acadia</td>
<td>Bar Harbor</td>
<td>30,400</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>State Parks</th>
<th>Mail Address</th>
<th>Acres</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Aroostook</td>
<td>Presque Isle</td>
<td>520</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Baxter</td>
<td>Millinocket</td>
<td>193,254</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bradbury Mt.</td>
<td>Pownal, RFD</td>
<td>271</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Camden Hills</td>
<td>Camden</td>
<td>4,962</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fort Knox</td>
<td>Stockton Springs</td>
<td>124</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lake St. George</td>
<td>Liberty</td>
<td>360</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lamoine</td>
<td>Ellsworth</td>
<td>55</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mt. Blue</td>
<td>Weld</td>
<td>1,273</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Reid</td>
<td>Georgetown</td>
<td>785</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sebago Lake</td>
<td>Naples</td>
<td>1,296</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>State Memorials</th>
<th>Mail Address</th>
<th>Acres</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Fort Baldwin</td>
<td>Popham Beach</td>
<td>45</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fort Edgecomb</td>
<td>North Edgecomb</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fort George</td>
<td>Castine</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fort Machias</td>
<td>Machiasport</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fort McClary</td>
<td>Kittery Point</td>
<td>27</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fort Popham</td>
<td>Popham Beach</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fort William Henry</td>
<td>Pemaquid Beach</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>John Paul Jones</td>
<td>Kittery</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mere Point</td>
<td>Brunswick</td>
<td>¼</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
State Park Commission
RULES AND REGULATIONS

The State Park rules and regulations are designed to protect you and your property. You can help protect the natural beauty of State Parks by warning the careless visitor and by reporting infractions of the regulations. Complete rules and regulations may be seen at the office of the Supervisor. Park rangers are prepared to render assistance to visitors. When in doubt, ask a ranger.

**Hours:** The area will be open to the public between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. and at other times by written permission of the Supervisor. Reasonable quiet must be observed at all times.

**Traffic:** All vehicles shall be left in areas designated for the purpose. No person shall operate any vehicle in recreational areas in a reckless manner or while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs, or at a speed in excess of 15 miles per hour, or in a manner so as to endanger any person or property.

**Bathing:** Bathing is restricted to the areas designated for that purpose. Where facilities are provided, changing clothes in automobiles is prohibited.

**Fires:** Fires shall be built and used only in places provided or designated for such purposes. Observe every precaution to prevent forest fires and report any unconfined fires to the Ranger at once.

**Refuse:** All waste and trash must be placed in the containers provided.

**Firearms and Fireworks:** The use, or possession, of firearms, fireworks, explosives, and/or any weapon within the boundaries of the area is prohibited, except that on the Fourth of July campground residents may pool their fireworks for a common display under the supervision of the Ranger in charge.

**Pets:** All dogs must be kept on leash while in the area. Pets must be kept under suitable restraint.
Property: The removal, injury or damage to any structure, tree, shrub, flower, or animal within the area is strictly prohibited.

Liquor: No intoxicating beverages may be brought into, sold or consumed within any State Park or Memorial.

Camping: Campers must register with the Ranger before making camp. No tents shall be set up after 10:30 p.m.

Violations: Any person found guilty of violating the above rules and regulations shall be punished as provided in Chapter 36, Section 37, of the Revised Statutes of Maine, 1954; except where the offense is of a nature for which a greater punishment is provided under other provisions, then the punishment shall be in accordance with such provisions.

MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE FEES

Day Use Area—

A. Service Fee 25c per person
   Children under 12 free

B. Group and organized day use with adult leaders, except Sunday and holidays. Children under 6 free.
   Service Fee 10c per person

C. Ski Tow:
   Day Use $1.00
   Evening (6:30-9:30) .75
   Student Tickets * .50
   * Certificate required signed by school official. Not good for evening.

Overnight Use Area—

A. Tent and Trailer Space: $1.00 per day minimum or 25c per person. No reservations.

B. Shelters: $2.00 per day minimum or 50c per person.

C. Group and Organized Camping with adult leaders: 15c per person. Children under 6 free.

There are ample accommodations at moderate rates near the parks for visitors who want to stop at hotels, tourist homes or tourist camps, or cabins.
AROOSTOOK STATE PARK

Location: Six miles south of Presque Isle.
Approaches: Turn west off U. S. Highway 1-A at sign, 4 miles south of Presque Isle.
Area: 577 acres.
Facilities: Picnic areas, tables, fireplaces, bathing beach, bathhouse, spring water, rest room, campground, ski trails, ski tow, open ski slope, warming hut and concession. Boats available.
Features: Quoggy Joe mountain is the dominant feature of this area, rising 600 feet above Echo Lake. From the summit there is a grand panorama of the great Aroostook potato empire, with Mount Katahdin visible 65 miles to the southwest, and Canada to the east. While this country is sedimentary in nature one frequently finds interesting volcanic rocks. Aroostook State Park is the gift of the public spirited citizens of Presque Isle.

BRADBURY MT. STATE PARK

Location: One-half mile north of Pownal Center, on State Route No. 9.
Approaches: From Freeport turn north five miles to Pownal Center. From Gray and Yarmouth, take Route 115 to Route 9. Go northeast 6 miles on Route 9.
Area: 242 acres.
Facilities: Picnic areas, spring water, tables, fireplaces, rest rooms, picnic shelters, hiking trails, campground, concession, and play area.
Features: The rugged granite bluff of the south peak of Bradbury Mt., 485 feet elevation, gives a beautiful panorama of Casco Bay. From the northern peak the White Mountains, Mt. Blue and many other mountains can be seen. There is a well preserved cattle pound, probably built in the 18th century. Across the road is the site of the old Jones Tavern, used in stage coach days as a rest haven between Portland and Hallowell. An abandoned feldspar quarry is of interest to geologists.

CAMDEN HILLS STATE PARK

Location: Camden and Lincolnville.
Approaches: On U. S. Route 1, 2 miles east of Camden.
Area: 4,966 acres.
Facilities: Picnic areas, tables, fireplaces, picnic shelters, spring water, rest rooms, hiking trails and campgrounds.
Features: The unique and picturesque Sagamore picnic and camping areas, a typical bit of Maine's rockbound coast on Penobscot Bay; Mt. Megunticook, the second highest coastal mountain in Maine, with many impressive views of the Bay and coastal islands from the summits and from the scenic outlooks along the 25 mile network of wooded mountain trails; and Camp Tanglewood, a summer camp for girls utilized by the Y. W. C. A.

FORT KNOX STATE PARK

Location: Prospect, one-quarter mile above the prize-winning Waldo-Hancock bridge over the Penobscot river.

Approaches: U. S. Route 1 from Bucksport or Stockton Springs or Route 174 from Prospect.

Area: 124 acres.

Facilities: Picnic areas, tables, fireplaces, spring water, rest rooms, concession and picnic shelter.

Features: This site was selected for fortification at the time of the Aroostook War. In 1846 Fort Knox was begun on the west bank of the Penobscot river. It was named in honor of General Henry Knox, Washington's Secretary of War, who resided at "Montpelier" in Thomaston after serving his country in war and peace. It was garrisoned during the Civil War and also during World War I. The masonry in the fort is the work of master craftsmen, standing the elements for a century, and remaining in excellent shape. The underground stairways, the curved brick arches and the circular stairs give one a deep respect for the workmanship of their ancestors in the construction of one of the largest forts of its type in the country.

LAKE ST. GEORGE STATE PARK

Location: Liberty.

Approaches: Over State Route 3, 28 miles east of Augusta, or 19 miles west of Belfast.

Area: 360 acres.

Facilities: Picnic area, bathing beach, bathhouse, tables, fireplaces, spring water, campground, rest rooms, and concession. Boats available.

Features: Recreational facilities situated on the shore of spring fed St. George Lake, with swimming, fishing, and boating. From the hill in back of the lake one obtains a wide view of the country to the south including the coastal range of the Camden Hills.
LAMOINE STATE PARK

Location: East Lamoine.

Approach: Leave Route U. S. 1 south of Ellsworth on State Route 184, 8 miles. Also leave State Route 3 — Ellsworth to Bar Harbor — on State Route 204, then Route 184 to East Lamoine.

Area: 55 acres.

Facilities: NOW UNDER DEVELOPMENT, picnic area, tables, fireplaces, tested water, rest rooms and campground. Boats available.

Features: Small beach on shore of Frenchman’s Bay with outstanding views of Mount Desert Island and scenic Acadia National Park. Site of former U. S. Navy Coaling Station active in World War I, and more recently the University of Maine Biological Laboratory.

MT. BLUE STATE PARK

Location: Weld.

Approaches: Leave Route U. S. 2 at Dixfield on State Route 142 to Weld 14 miles, or leave U. S. 2 at Wilton on State Route 156 and travel 14 miles to Weld.

Area: 1,273 acres.


Center Hill — Parking overlook, tables, fireplaces, spring water, picnic shelters, foot trails, and rest rooms.

Mt. Blue — Parking area, spring water, foot trail 1.75 miles with 47 foot steel Forest Service Fire Tower at summit.

Features: Mt. Blue State Park offers a wide variety of recreational possibilities. The passive recreationalist can view the scenic mountains encompassing Weld from his car on Center Hill. The mountain climber can get well limbered up on the 1700 foot climb to the fire tower on Mt. Blue, at 3187 feet above sea level, featuring an outstanding scenic panorama of southwestern Maine. The camper, the bather and the fisherman will center their activities around scenic Lake Webb.
REID STATE PARK

Location: Georgetown.

Approach: Leave Route U. S. 1 at Woolwich on Route 127, 14 miles, at Five Islands, turn right at sign.

Area: 792 acres.

Facilities: Picnic areas, tables, fireplaces, warm salt-water bathing pool, ocean beaches, bathhouses, rest rooms, tested water and concessions. NO CAMPING FACILITIES.

Features: Surf bathing on extensive beaches, striped bass fishing, and the refreshing scenery of coastal headlands and beaches. Off shore, between Seguin Light and Monhegan Island, the British “Boxer” and the U.S.S. “Enterprise” fought a decisive sea battle in the War of 1812.

SEBAGO LAKE STATE PARK

Location: Naples and Casco, on both sides of the mouth of the Songo River.

Approaches: From Portland take U. S. Route 302, 30 miles towards Naples. Turn left at sign. Leave State Routes 11 and 114, 2 miles south of Naples at sign in triangle.

Area: 1296 acres.

Facilities: Naples — Campground with fireplaces, tables, tested water, excellent bathing beach, bridle and foot trails, rest rooms, and amphitheatre.

Songo — Picnic area with fireplaces, tables, shelters, tested water, rest rooms, trails, excellent bathing beach, bathhouses and concession.

Features: The dominating features of Sebago Lake State Park are its beautiful sandy beaches on the shore of the sparkling lake. It was from this lake, of nearly 45 square miles of water surface, that the fighting Salmo Sebago derived its name. Indian artifacts may be found along the sandy shore.

Much fishing emanates from this section of the lake, where boats and guides are obtainable.

FORT EDGECOMB MEMORIAL

Location: Fort Point, Davis Island, North Edgecomb.

Approaches: Turn south off U. S. Route 1 at Edgecomb end of Wiscasset bridge, then next right.

Area: 3.15 acres.
Facilities: Lobster pound and concession, picnic tables, rest rooms and play area.

Features: A historic and interesting old Block House and Fortification built in 1808 to defend Wiscasset Harbor and garrisoned during the War of 1812. Set in a beautiful natural setting overlooking a picturesque old Maine sea coast town, and the Sheepscot river. Frequently in front of the old Fort, brown seals play in the swift tides.

From the fort grounds, across the bay, may be seen the house reportedly prepared for Marie Antoinette.

FORT MACHIAS MEMORIAL

Location: Machiasport.
Approach: Leave U. S. Route 1 at Machias on State Route 92 for 5 miles.
Area: 2 acres.
Facilities: None.
Features: Fort Machias, also known as Fort O'Brien, became part of the national defense when Washington ordered the protection of Machiasport. Off this fort the British schooner "Margaretta" was captured in one of the earliest naval engagements of the Revolution, and is frequently referred to as "the Lexington of the Seas". Nearby at Machias is the Burnham Tavern Museum. Constructed in 1775, the English destroyed the fort in 1812. The fort was repaired in 1863 for defense during the Civil War. At present only breastworks remain.

FORT McCLARY MEMORIAL

Location: Kittery Point.
Approaches: Leave U. S. Highway No. 1 at east end of John Paul Jones Memorial in Kittery, and go south 3.5 miles on Kittery Point road.
Area: 27.5 acres.
Facilities: Picnic area, fireplaces, tables, tested water, rest rooms, bathhouse, diving boards, swings and slides for children.
Features: The first recorded fortification of the Massachusetts Bay Colony on the Maine side of the Piscataqua River resulted from a Massachusetts Resolve dated June 1, 1715. It was later called Fort William in honor of Sir William Pepperell.
who was born in Kittery on June 27, 1696, and knighted for his success at Louisburg, Cape Breton Island. The Pepperell House is situated near this site.

At the time of the Revolution the name was changed to Fort McClary in memory of Major Andrew McClary, who was killed at Bunker Hill. The fort was garrisoned during the Revolution and also during the Civil War.

There is evidence of three forts constructed on the site. The present hexagonal fort was probably built about 1844, as War Department plans of that date show the block house, granite below and wood above, just as it is today. The old powder magazines and rifle pits should be seen.

FORT POPHAM MEMORIAL

Location: Popham Beach, Phippsburg.

Approach: From Bath, take State Route No. 209 to Popham Beach, 15.5 miles.

Area: 6.6 acres.

Facilities: Picnic area, tables, fireplaces and rest rooms.

Features: The site was fortified during the Revolutionary period and the War of 1812, guarding the entrance to the Kennebec River. The present fort was erected in 1861 but never completed. It was garrisoned in 1865-66 during the Spanish American War, in 1898, and also during both World Wars.

Near here in 1607 the first English colony in New England, under George Popham, built Fort St. George, fortified it with twelve pieces of ordnance and built the first vessel on these shores.

FORT WILLIAM HENRY MEMORIAL

Location: Pemaquid Beach, Bristol.

Approaches: Leave U. S. Highway No. 1 at Damariscotta on State Route No. 129, 4 miles. Then pick up State Route No. 130 for 9 miles. Bear right one mile to beach.

Area: 1 acre.

Facilities: Museum.

Features: The present fort is a replica of a portion of Fort William Henry which stood from 1692 to 1696. The masonry parapet wall encircles the overhanging rock that was the old powder magazine. In the fort are old relics, portraits, maps and copies of Indian deeds.

( 8 )
It is believed that this is the only site in Maine where four forts have been erected on one site. First was Shurt's Fort, a stockade, built about 1630 for defense against Pirates, particularly Dixie Bull. Fort Charles followed in 1677. Next was Fort William Henry built in 1692 and destroyed by Baron de Castin in 1696. In 1729 Fort Frederick was erected and was destroyed during the Revolution by Pemaquid residents to prevent its falling into the hands of the British.

JOHN PAUL JONES MEMORIAL

Location: East bank piscataqua River where U. S. Highway No. 1 enters Maine in Kittery.

Approach: At entrance of U. S. Highway No. 1 to Maine.

Area: 1.7 acres.

Facilities: None.

Features: A state memorial to the sailors and soldiers of Maine, named in honor of John Paul Jones. Near this site the U. S. S. Ranger was built and launched in 1777. On the Ranger, Jones received the first salute given a man-of-war flying the Stars and Stripes.

MERE POINT MEMORIAL

Location: Mere Point, Brunswick.

Approach: No route marking, inquire in Brunswick.

Area: ¼ acre.

Facilities: None.

Features: This Memorial was erected 1924 by order of the Governor and Council of the State of Maine to commemorate a Great Achievement, the Round the World Flight — 1924. "On the shore of Mere Point, Casco Bay, Maine, 200 feet west of this spot on September 6, 1924, the United States Army Round-the-World aviators, after starting westward from Seattle, Washington, April 6, 1924, made their first landing on the soil of the United States. To this point they covered a distance of 22,366 miles in 154 days: actual flying time, 500 hours. They arrived at Seattle, September 28, 1924, and thus completed the first air flight around the globe, a distance of 26,105 miles in 176 days: actual flying time, 576 hours, 11 minutes."
FORT GEORGE MEMORIAL

Location: Town of Castine.
Approach: No route marking, inquire in Castine.
Area: 2.75 acres.
Facilities: None.
Features: Earthworks and fortifications with considerable historical significance, having been under the flags of four nations, French, English, Dutch and American, and is the burial site of British officers and seamen. The fort was constructed by the British in 1779, and is substantially as the British left it. It was re-occupied by the British during the War of 1812. Supporting batteries of Fort George are: Furieuse, Penobscot, West Point, East Point, Wescott, Gosselin, Sherbrooke and Griffith. The largest of the batteries, Madison, sometimes known as the U. S. Fort or Fort Porter, was rebuilt and garrisoned by U. S. troops during the Civil War.

An earlier fort in Castine, Fort Pentagoet, was built by the French in 1635 to protect their title to the Penobscot River. Prior to this, from 1626 to 1635, the Plymouth Colony operated a trading post here. There is a museum in Castine and many historic houses.
The state park rules and regulations are designed to protect you and your property. You can help protect the natural beauty of this state park by warning the careless visitor and by reporting infractions of the regulations. Complete rules and regulations may be seen at the office of the supervisor and at the ranger stations. Park rangers are prepared to render assistance to visitors. When in doubt, ask a ranger.

**Vehicles:** Vehicles must be left in parking areas provided for that purpose. Obey traffic rules and drive carefully.

**Fires:** Fires must be built only at official campsites and must not be left unattended. Before leaving, the last spark should be extinguished by water. The use of fires, or camping, on the table-land, or the summits, of Mount Katahdin is strictly prohibited. No registered guide is necessary to build fires, or camp, at official campsites.

**Campers:** Campers must camp at official campsites and these must be kept clean and sanitary. Place waste and trash in the receptacles provided for that purpose. Sources of drinking water must not be contaminated.

**Destruction,** injury, or disturbance of public property, or trees, plants, flowers, rocks, wildlife, or other natural features is strictly prohibited.

**Maine** state fishing licenses are required and the state angling laws are in effect. Hunting or trapping is prohibited.

**Firearms:** Possession of firearms, or fireworks, within the state park is prohibited.

**Aircraft:** Aircraft are forbidden to land on the ground, or on the waters of this state park, and the use of outboard motors, except on Second Lake Matagamon, is prohibited.

**Dogs:** Dogs and other pets must be kept under restraint while in the state park.

**Violators** of the rules and regulations shall be punished as provided in Chapter 36, Section 43 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, 1954, except when the offense is of a nature for which a greater punishment is provided under other provisions, then the punishment shall be in accordance with such provisions.
MAINTENANCE FEES AND SERVICES

A. State Park Campgrounds
   1. Tent and Trailer: 25c per person per night
   2. Shelters (lean-to): 50c per person per night
   3. Bunkhouse Fee: $1.00 per person per night
   4. Boat or Canoe Rental: 50c per hour or $2.00 per day
   5. Reservations:
      Accepted if confirmed by the Park Supervisor and paid for two (2) weeks in advance. Reservations not claimed by 9:00 p.m. will be cancelled without refund.
   6. All campers must furnish their own food, outdoor cooking utensils, bedding and other necessities. Fuel may be obtained from the forest. Advance notice of large parties assists accommodation.
      Chimney Pond Bunkhouse accommodates 24 people, separate sections for men and women, with cooking space, stove and tables available. Campers must provide food, cooking utensils, bedding and all other conveniences.

B. Lodges or Sporting Camps, privately operated.
   Central lodge and dining room, individual cabins, accessible by auto, modern conveniences, canoes, guides, foot trails and outlying camps.
   Rates $8.00 and up a day. Reservations are usually necessary. Apply to the camps (Post Office, Millinocket, Maine) for accommodations.

      Camp Phoenix at Sourdnahunk Lake
      Kidney Pond Camps
      Twin Pine Camps at Daicey Pond
      Togue Pond Camps
      Katahdin Lake Camps

C. For further information write to the Supervisor, Baxter State Park, Millinocket, Maine.
   Reservations made only as stated above.
BAXTER STATE PARK

Location: 26 miles northwest of Millinocket.

Approaches: From Millinocket, Greenville, and Patten. Refer to Maine State Highway Map for information.

Note: Road grades restrict travel with large trailers. The Roaring Brook Road is not a thru road.

Area: 193,254 acres.

Facilities: Roadside campsites and lunch grounds, foot trails and trail campsites, lodges or sporting camps, and park campgrounds.

1. Katahdin Stream Campground on the Millinocket-Greenville road. Open front shelters, sheltered tables, tenting space, fireplaces, drinking water, sanitary facilities, parking space, foot trails to Baxter Peak and other areas and ranger station.

2. Roaring Brook Campground at the terminus of the Roaring Brook road. Open front shelters, tenting space, fireplaces, drinking water, sanitary facilities, parking space, foot trails to Chimney Pond, Russell Pond, and other areas, and ranger station.

3. Chimney Pond Campground on the mountain trail 3.4 miles beyond Roaring Brook. Open front shelters, tenting space, fireplaces, bunkhouse, drinking water, sanitary facilities, mountain trails to the summits and ranger station.

4. Russell Pond Campground in the Wassataquoik Valley 7 miles by trail beyond Roaring Brook. Open front shelters, tenting space, fireplaces, bunkhouse, drinking water, sanitary facilities, foot trails to Katahdin and other areas and ranger station. Canoes available.

5. South Branch Pond Campground on the Trout Brook Road. Open front shelters, sheltered tables, tenting space, fireplaces, drinking water, sanitary facilities, parking space, foot trails to Traveler Mountain and other areas, and ranger station. Boats available.

6. Sourdnahunk Stream Campground near junction of Patten, Millinocket and Greenville Roads. Open front shelters, tenting space, fireplaces, picnic tables, drinking water, sanitary facilities, foot trails and ranger station.
7. Abol Stream Campground, opened in 1958, is three miles south-east of Katahdin Stream Campground and has shelters, sanitary facilities, picnic tables and fireplaces.

Features: Baxter State Park is in the northern Maine wilderness between the east and west branches of the Penobscot River, and is generally of mountainous terrain rising abruptly from a comparatively flat and extensive area of forest land. Mount Katahdin, the highest elevation in Maine (5,267 feet) is the dominating feature of the region. Two favored routes offer the mountain climber access to its summits from which remarkable panoramas spread on every hand. Baxter Peak is the northern terminus of the Appalachian Trail which extends from Maine to Georgia. The upper portions of Mount Katahdin extend into the Arctic-alpine life zone with its characteristic flora. Evidence of glacial action is widespread with resultant glacial cirques, moraines, and glacial deposits.

The state park is a wildlife sanctuary where moose, deer, bear, beaver and other wildlife may be observed and photographed in their natural habitats. Eastern brook trout thrive in the numerous lakes, ponds, and streams of the region and a 75-mile network of foot trails about the park provides access and opportunities for all degrees of hiking, camping and wilderness recreation.

The region is accessible from Memorial Day to October 15th. Camping equipment and supplies should be brought in. Only the hardiest winter sports enthusiasts should consider this region in the winter and then only after complete arrangements have been made with the Park Supervisor.
National Park Service
ACADIA NATIONAL PARK

Mt. Desert Island-Winter Harbor and Isle au Haut
27,860 Acres

Sieur de Monts National Monument was established July 8, 1916. This area established by outright gift to the government by a small group of public-spirited men, was the first National Park east of the Mississippi, and is the only National Park in New England. It was created Lafayette National Park by an Act of Congress approved February 26, 1919. Its name became Acadia by Act of Congress approved January 19, 1929.

Approach is by way of Route 3 from Ellsworth, being 20 miles from Ellsworth, 170 miles from Portland. The Park is also accessible by boat to Bar Harbor, by railroad to Ellsworth, by air and by bus.

Information
The office of Acadia National Park is situated in Bar Harbor at the corner of Main Street and Park Road. It is open daily except Saturday and Sunday from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. This office is more than glad to answer any questions and give out all information on the Park.

Nature Guide Service
In Acadia National Park, as in all national parks, there is available to the visitor free nature guide service during July and August. The Park Naturalist and his assistants conduct a program designed to acquaint the visitor with geology, plant life, animal life and history of the Park.

Museums
An archeological museum is located in this park. It contains relics of the stone age period of Indian culture in this region. An archeologist is in charge during the summer season to explain the relics.

Motor Roads
A road of great beauty extends through the lake district, connecting Bar Harbor with the resorts upon the southern shore. Seal Harbor and Northeast Harbor. Rising from this, another road leads to the summit of Cadillac Mountain, the highest point on
our eastern coast. Entrance to these roads is equally convenient from Bar Harbor or Seal Harbor.

On Schoodic Peninsula near Winter Harbor another motor road offers park visitors a shoreline drive of great charm and interest, following closely the rugged coast of the peninsula. Maine State Highway No. 186 may be left at Winter Harbor and reentered at Birch Harbor.

Motor Camping
Public campgrounds are maintained in the park at Blackwoods and Seawall for motorists bringing their own camping outfits. The grounds are equipped with running water, modern sanitary conveniences, and outdoor fireplaces. It is under the close supervision of the park authorities, and safety and freedom from annoyance are assured. No charge is made for the camping privilege.

Carriage Roads and Bridlepaths
Connected with the town road system and leading into and through the park is an excellent system of roads for use with horses, some 50 miles in extent. Stables at Bar Harbor, Jordan Pond, and Northeast Harbor furnish horses, saddle and driving, for trips over these roads, entrances to which are provided near Bar Harbor, Seal Harbor, and Northeast Harbor.

Trails and Footpaths
Acadia is primarily a trail park and contains within its boundaries at the present time some 150 miles of trails and footpaths, reaching every mountain summit and transversing every valley.

The system is so designed that the inclination of every type of walker is met. Broad lowland paths offer delightfully easy walks; winding trails of easy grade to the mountain summits are provided for those who like a moderately strenuous climb; and rough mountainside trails give opportunity for hardy exercise to those who enjoy real hiking.

It is only by means of these trails and paths that the park can be really seen and appreciated, and the system is so laid out that there is no danger of becoming lost.

There are many facilities also available for nature study, picnics, cycling, boating, fishing, skating, skiing, coasting, golf and scenic observation.

There are ample accommodations outside of the Park for people who want to stop at hotels, tourist homes or tourist camps at moderate rates.
Public Parks in MAINE