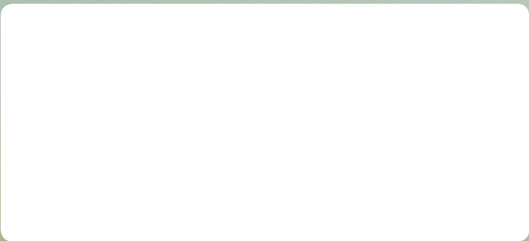


Welcome



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Visitors Guide to **KATAHDIN WOODS AND WATERS** NATIONAL MONUMENT



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On August 24, 2016, President Barack Obama established the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument encompassing 87,000 acres east of Baxter State Park, in the heart of Maine's North Woods. These lands were generously donated to the people of the United States of America by landowner Elliotsville Plantation, Inc., a nonprofit foundation founded by Burt's Bees entrepreneur Roxanne Quimby. In addition to the land, EPI donated an endowment to support KWW.

KWW is already providing economic benefits to communities in the region, spurring investments while permanently protecting more than 30 miles of pristine rivers and streams and important habitat for wildlife, including species of conservation concern. KWW offers spectacular views of Katahdin, sweeping views of distant lakes, and special ecological features such as peatlands, spruce-fir and beech-maple forests, unbroken shorelines, an absence of human-made noise, and dark, starry skies.

KWW features a variety of recreation opportunities and extensive historic and cultural resources.



Friends of Katahdin Woods & Waters (FKWW) was created in 2017 to help promote and protect Maine's new National Monument. Learn more about FKWW and become a member at friendsofkatahdinwoodsandwaters.org.

The **Natural Resources Council of Maine (NRCM)** is a nonprofit membership organization working to protect the nature of Maine, now and for future generations. NRCM worked closely with the people of the Katahdin region, and across the state, to build support for the new National Monument. Learn more at www.nrcm.org.

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KWW QUICK INFO

ACTIVITIES

Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument (KWW) sits in the heart of Maine's North Woods and offers abundant outdoor recreation activities. More than 30 miles of rivers and streams including the Seboeis River, Wassataquoik Stream, and the Penobscot's East Branch offer fishing, and exciting whitewater and quiet water paddling. Seven mountains feature favorite hiking routes—**Barnard**, **Deasey**, and **Lunksoos** are especially popular. KWW provides great opportunities for bird and wildlife watching at every trail and turn, including from your vehicle along the **Katahdin Loop Road**. Stop at the **Overlook** to enjoy your picnic lunch with a breathtaking view of Katahdin, in nearby **Baxter State Park**, and the North Woods stretching out before you.

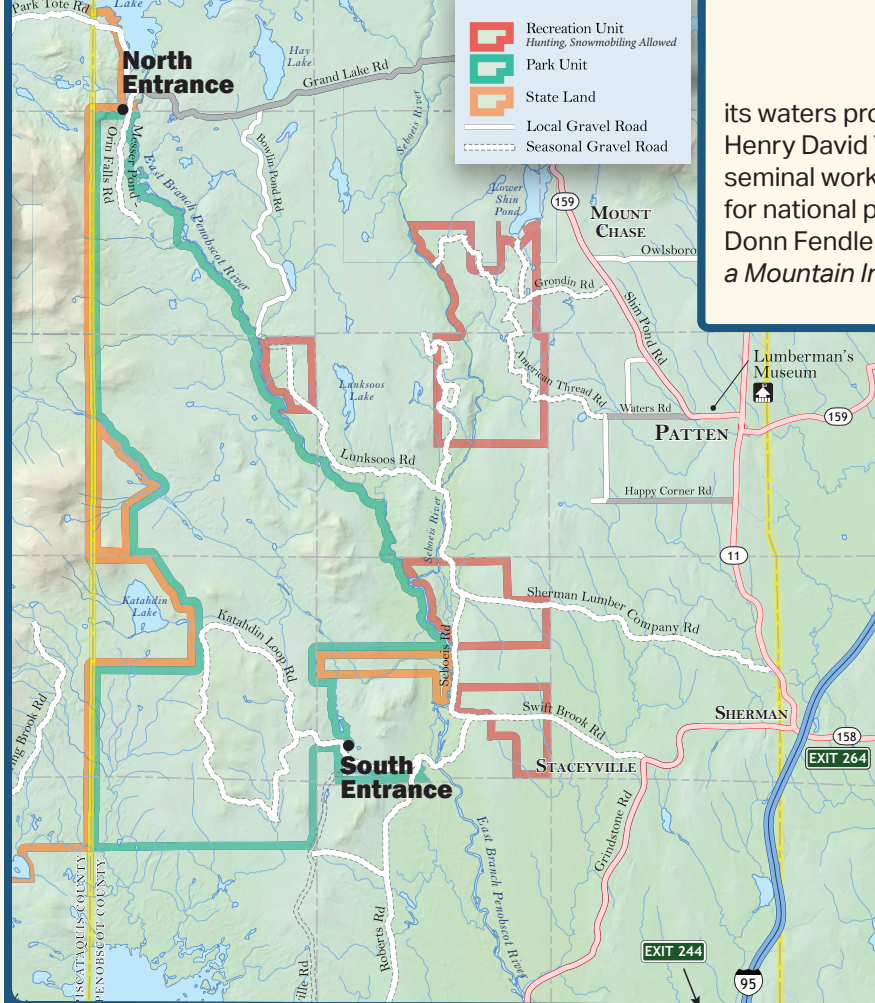
Hunting and snowmobiling are allowed on the east side of the Monument. Hunting is regulated in accordance with Maine state law.

NATURAL RESOURCES

KWW provides essential habitat for diverse wildlife, including iconic Maine species like moose, black bear, and deer. Birds abound and include "specialty" species birders travel across the country to see, such as Spruce Grouse and Black-backed Woodpecker. The land also is home to rare plants and wildlife such as Rusty Blackbirds and Canada lynx.

CULTURAL RESOURCES

The Monument land and surrounding communities are steeped in history. The East Branch is of great cultural importance to the Penobscot Indian Nation;



its waters provide the Nation's subsistence fisheries. Henry David Thoreau found inspiration here for his seminal work, *The Maine Woods*, in which he called for national preservation of wild areas for all to enjoy. Donn Fendler, author of the beloved classic *Lost on a Mountain In Maine*, was discovered at a camp on the East Branch after getting lost on Katahdin for nine days. Be sure to visit the Patten Lumbermen's Museum to learn about the logging history that built the world.

GO PREPARED

VEHICLES

Roads in the Monument are rough gravel that may be muddy after heavy rains. Be sure to check road and other conditions at www.nps.gov/kaww. Stay on marked roads at all times; drive slowly, watching for moose, other wildlife, and logging trucks.

PETS

Pets must be kept on a leash at all times.

Please leave no trace—do not litter.

	Hiking		Camping		Snowmobiling
	Bicycling		Fishing		Hunting
	X-C Skiing		Wildlife Viewing	Allowed in Recreation Units, outlined in red	
	Canoeing				

NRCM has compiled a list of local businesses where visitors can find excellent food and accommodations. Visit www.nrcm.org.

HIKING

The 2-mile trail to Barnard Mountain follows part of the International Appalachian Trail and offers exceptionally rewarding views.

Deasey Mountain Trail is about 3.5 miles long; you start by fording Wassataquoik Stream. It leads through beautiful mature forest and includes a fire tower lookout and stunning views at the top.

About 30 miles of the International Appalachian Trail run through the monument, crossing over Deasey and Lunksoos mountains and running along the Penobscot River's East Branch. Lean-tos and campsites are located along the trail.

From the north entrance, a trail takes you to the East Branch and views of spectacular rapids and falls, with rich wildlife habitat along the upper stretch of the river. Farther along, you can visit Messer and Little Messer ponds.

PADDLING

Experienced whitewater paddlers can enjoy the rapids and falls of the northern portion of the East Branch by putting in just outside the north entrance. Quiet paddling opportunities abound on the southern portion of the East Branch. The Seboeis River offers less challenging whitewater along with lovely flat water.

BIKING

Park your car and bike from the northern entrance along an extensive system of old logging roads that run along the East Branch into Stair Falls, Haskell Hut, and the breathtaking Haskell Rock Pitch. Logging roads off the Katahdin Loop Road in the southern part of the Monument provide access to Orin Falls and other remote locations.