

Summary: These rules, adopted by the Baxter State Park Authority (the "Authority") pursuant to 12 M.R.S.A. Sec. 903, govern the use of Baxter State Park (the "Park") by the public. No provision of these rules applies to law enforcement or administrative personnel in the course of their official duties. Any delegation of authority to the Director under these rules includes delegation to the Director's designee. In addition to any specific provision contained in these rules, the Director may restrict public uses or activities within the Park as necessary to preserve or protect the Park or to assure the safety of Park users.

1. **RESERVATIONS:** Camping is permitted only by reservation in authorized campgrounds and campsites. The Authority and Director may establish administrative policies and procedures for the processing of reservations.
2. **FEES:** The Authority may from time to time establish fees for the use of the Park by the public.
3. **VEHICLES:** No vehicle over 9 feet high, 7 feet wide, or 22 feet long for a single vehicle or 44 feet long for combined units may enter the Park. Oversize units may be authorized to use the Park road system by special use permit, subject to conditions set by the Director. The Director may restrict the use of vehicles by persons without camping reservations.
4. **PETS OR RELEASING ANIMALS:** Pets or other domestic animals are not allowed in the Park. Releasing or introducing any animal in the Park is prohibited.
5. **ENTRANCE REGISTRATION:** All persons entering the Park by road or trail must register their entrance at the first opportunity at a staffed gatehouse or self-registration station. Persons entering or leaving the Park by way of the Appalachian Trail must register at Katahdin Stream Campground. Persons entering the Park on foot at any other location or landing aircraft on permitted waters in the Park must register with Park Headquarters or a gatehouse in advance.
6. **VEHICLE PERMITS:** All vehicles must display an entrance permit while in the Park. Vehicles parked overnight without an entrance permit displayed may be towed away at the owner's expense.
7. **CAMPING:** Camping is permitted by reservation only and only in authorized campgrounds and campsites May 15 through October 15, and December 1 through March 31. Campers must register at the gatehouse no later than 8:30 p.m. Check-out time is 11:00 a.m., and check-in time is 1:00 p.m. Tents may not be pitched in lean-to sites.
8. **PARKING:** Within each campground or picnic area, all vehicles must park in designated areas. Only one vehicle may park at each campsite for which parking space is provided. No vehicle may park on the traveled portion of any Park road, or obstruct a designated parking space.
9. **TRAFFIC:** No person may operate any vehicle within the Park so as to endanger any person or property, nor operate a vehicle in excess of 20 miles per hour, or the posted speed limit, whichever is less.

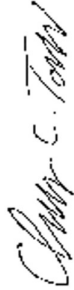
10. **GROUPS:** Prior registration is required for day use groups of 12 or more people. Registration may be made by telephone beginning April 1, and should be made as far in advance as possible.
11. **SUPERVISION OF YOUTHS :** All groups of five (5) or more persons under 16 years of age must be accompanied by at least one (1) person, of at least 18 years of age, responsible for the supervision of a maximum of five (5) youths.
12. **FIRES:** Fires or other cooking or heating devices are permitted only in designated campsites or picnic areas. No person may leave a fire without totally extinguishing it, nor discard any burning cigarettes, cigars, matches, or any other burning material within the Park. At Chimney Pond, Davis Pond, and Wassataquoik Island open fires are prohibited and only gas or propane stoves are allowed.

Any fire outside a designated fireplace must be reported to the nearest Park Ranger at once.
13. **LITTER:** All trash, rubbish, litter, camping gear, equipment, and materials carried into the Park must be carried out of the Park. No trash, rubbish, or litter shall be deposited in any type of vaulted or un-vaulted privy.
14. **WASHING:** Use of any soap or detergent, or the disposal of food scraps, in any waters is prohibited.
15. **FEEDING ANIMALS:** No person may feed, bait, or disturb any animal within the Park, with the exception that baiting of animals for trapping purposes is permitted north of Trout Brook and Wadleigh Brook in T6 R9; in T6 R10; or in T2 R9 and in T2 R10 north of the West Branch of the Penobscot River, east to Abol Stream and west to the West Branch of the Penobscot River.
16. **DISTURBANCES:** No person may create a disturbance that impairs the enjoyment of the Park by others. Campground quiet hours are posted and enforced. The use of audio or visual media devices in any way that impairs the enjoyment of the Park by others is prohibited. No audio or visual media devices shall be used in any way to disturb or harass wildlife.
17. **CLIMBING OR MOUNTAIN HIKING:** Climbing or mountain hiking may be restricted at the discretion of the Director. Park users must be reasonably prepared and equipped, and must take reasonable precautions against endangering themselves or others. Hikers must wear appropriate footwear and clothing, and must carry a working flashlight. No children under the age of six (6) years are allowed above timberline. Registration of technical rock/ice climbers is required. The Baxter State Park Authority may request reimbursement of search and rescue costs in cases of reckless hikers.
18. **AIRCRAFT:** Take off and landing of aircraft in the Park is prohibited except on Matagamon, Nesowadnehunk, and Webster Lakes. Persons landing aircraft on permitted waters in the Park must register with Park Headquarters or a gatehouse in advance. "Aircraft" is defined to include any machine or device capable of deriving support in the atmosphere from the reactions of the air, including, but not limited to model craft, hot air balloons, hang gliders, para-sails and para-gliders.

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I herby certify that in my opinion the above and foregoing Rules and Regulations are in conformity with the law.

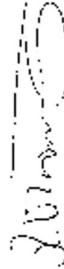


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19. **BOATS:** Persons using motorboats must register for day use within Baxter State Park. All boats and canoes left in the Park and not registered with Park Headquarters will be disposed of as abandoned property. The use of motor boats or outboard motors in the Park is prohibited except on Matagamon and Webster Lakes. Outboard motors of ten (10) horsepower or less are permitted on Upper and Lower Togue Ponds.
20. **MOTORCYCLES, ATV'S, & BICYCLES:** Motorcycles, motorized trail bikes, and ATV's (all-terrain vehicles) are prohibited within the Park. Bicycles are allowed on maintained roads only with the exception of roads in the Scientific Forest Management Area (SFMA) where bicycles are prohibited.
21. **SNOWMOBILES:** Snowmobiles may be used on Matagamon, Nesowadnehunk, and Webster Lakes ; and on the following road or trail segments:
- The Park Tote Road between the southern Park boundary at so-called Caribou Pit and the Park boundary just south of Matagamon Landing;
 - The so called Logan Pond Road along the north shore of Lower Togue Pond;
 - The spur road between the Park Tote Road and Camp Phoenix; and
 - The existing trail along the East Branch of the Penobscot River in from Second Lake Matagamon to the northern boundary of the Park.

Unauthorized use of snowmobiles in any other portion of the Park is prohibited. Operators of snowmobiles must comply with all requirements of State Law.

22. **FIREARMS, HUNTING, AND TRAPPING:** Hunting and trapping are prohibited within the Park. Use or possession of any firearm, bow and arrow, sling shot, or air rifle or pistol is prohibited. Firearms may be transported through the Park if kept in a car trunk, enclosed in a case, or otherwise inaccessible to use. Bows may be transported through the Park if unstrung or enclosed in a case. This rule does not apply north of Trout Brook and Wadleigh Brook in T6 R9;

in T6 R10; or in T2 R9 and in T2 R10 north of the West Branch of the Penobscot River, east to the thread of Abol Stream and west to the thread of the West Branch of the Penobscot River. Hunting with dogs is prohibited as defined in BSP Rule #4. General laws of the State pertaining to hunting and trapping apply in those areas, except that moose hunting and baiting any animals for hunting purposes are prohibited.

23. **FISHING:** Maine fishing laws and the rules of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife apply within the Park. Maine fishing licenses are required.
24. **PROTECTION OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES:** No person may remove any natural or cultural object from the Park. Use of metal detectors and similar devices is prohibited. No person may deface, paint, damage, mutilate, or vandalize any natural or cultural object, or any structure or sign, within the Park. Possession of paint or marking materials, or tampering with, altering, or removing any sign, marker, or structure, is prohibited. Driving nails or permanently installing any object is prohibited.
25. **SOLICITATION:** The sale or offering for sale of any object or merchandise is prohibited within Baxter State Park.
26. **POWER EQUIPMENT:** Chainsaws, generators, and other power equipment may not be operated within the Park.
27. **LIQUOR AND DRUGS:** General laws of the State pertaining to liquor and drugs apply within the Park. Maine law prohibits the drinking of alcoholic beverages in public places.
28. **CLOSED AREAS:** During periods of forest fire danger or other emergency conditions, the Authority or Director may close the Park or any portion thereof. No person may enter or remain in closed areas except as authorized by the Authority or Director.
29. **SPECIAL RESEARCH STUDIES:** Research studies within the Park require a special use permit issued by the Director. Requests for use of the Park for research studies must be submitted to the Director in writing nine months in advance of the proposed research, except as expressly authorized by the Director.
30. **VIOLATIONS:** All persons violating these rules may be punished in accordance with 12 M.R.S.A. Sec. 903. Persons violating other applicable laws within the Park may also be punished in accordance with the provisions of those laws. In addition, persons violating these rules may be required immediately to leave the Park, and the Authority may revoke the privilege of any person who violates these rules to enter the Park for a specified period.

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