Nearly **one million acres** of direct management responsibility
Department of Conservation
Parks & Lands Ownership

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Maine Department of Conservation Ownership

Created in 1973, the Department of Conservation's mission is to benefit the citizens, landowners, and users of the state's natural resources by promoting stewardship and ensuring responsible balanced use of Maine's land, forest, water, and mineral resources.

The Department’s Bureau of Parks & Lands oversees 47 parks and historic sites and close to 850,000 acres of public reserved land. Our hope is that this presentation will provide an overview of these special places and the tremendous recreational opportunities on the state owned public land managed by the Department.
Range Ponds State Park
Androscoggin County

A short drive from one of Maine's major urban areas, Lewiston and Auburn, Range Ponds State Park welcomes visitors who enjoy the wide sandy beach as they swim, picnic and play. Most activity centers on the waterfront which is easily accessible because of the smooth, surfaced promenade that parallels the pond for 1000 feet immediately next to the beach.

- Picnicking
- Wildlife Watching
- Swimming
- Boat Launching
- Fishing
- Snowmobiling
- Hunting/Trapping

840 acres
The Allagash Wilderness Waterway was established by the Maine Legislature in 1966 to preserve, protect, and enhance the natural beauty, character, and habitat of a unique area. It is a magnificent, 92-mile-long ribbon of lakes, ponds, rivers, and streams winding through the heart of northern Maine’s vast commercial forests. For more than a century "The Allagash" has been praised and enjoyed as a sportsman’s paradise.

8,363 acres
Aroostook State Park
Aroostook County

Aroostook State Park bears the distinct honor of being Maine's first state park. In 1938 interested citizens of Presque Isle donated 100 acres of land to the State of Maine, and following that gesture, the park became reality in 1939. Today the park totals nearly 800 acres thanks to subsequent donations and purchases.

► Camping
► Wildlife Watching
► Picnicking
► Swimming
► Boat Launching
► Fishing
► Snowmobiling
► Cross Country Skiing
► Hiking
► Hunting/Trapping

758 acres
Bible Point
Aroostook County

This is where Teddy Roosevelt became a conservationist!

A 27-acre property near the south end of Mattawamkeag Lake, made famous by Roosevelt who visited the area beginning in 1878. As a young man under the guidance of his lifelong friend and guide Bill Sewall, Roosevelt camped at the southern end of Mattawamkeag Lake and hunted and fished throughout the area. It was reported that, each day, Roosevelt would take his bible and hike to a beautiful point of land at the confluence of the West Branch of the Mattawamkeag River and First Brook where he would read the bible.

Teddy Roosevelt

I owe a personal debt to Maine because of my association with certain staunch friends in Aroostook County.

Wildlife Watching
Fishing
Hiking

(left to right) William Sewall, Wilmot Dow, and 21 year old Teddy Roosevelt in Maine.

27 acres
Chamberlain Lake is a group of parcels abutting the large lakes that form the south end of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway. Canoeists from the waterway follow the hiking trails to the tops of two low mountains and enjoy fine views of the lakes and forests.
Deboullie's low rugged mountains and scenic remote trout ponds are all available for visitors using the 22,000 acre unit's hiking trails and campsites. Snowmobilers frequently pass through the unit on their way from Eagle Lake to the Allagash. This is a popular destination for St. John Valley residents.
Eagle Lake is a 23,000-acre unit including most of Eagle Lake in northern Maine. The unit abuts Square Lake to the east with a thoroughfare connecting the two lakes.

- Camping
- Mountain Biking
- Picnicking
- Boat Launching
- Swimming
- Watching Wildlife
- Fishing
- Snowmobiling
- Cross Country Skiing
- ATV Riding
- Hiking
- Hunting
- Dogsledding

24,416 acres
Fort Kent
Aroostook County

Fort Kent State Historic Site bears the distinguished honor as one of Maine’s few National Historic Landmarks, a testimony to its important role in securing the state and national border. Named after Maine’s Governor Edward Kent, Fort Kent served as Maine’s northern post during the international border dispute during the Aroostook War, and is Maine’s first, state-owned historic site.

► Picnicking
► Historic Interpretation

3 acres
Round Pond
Aroostook County

Round Pond takes its name from the pond, which is a wide section of the Allagash River. Canoeists from the river enjoy the view of river and forest from the observation tower on top of Round Pond Mountain. This 20,000 acre unit is a popular hunting area in the fall.
Located in Aroostook County between Presque Isle and Ashland, the 16,700-acre Squapan Management Unit contains some of the most rugged terrain in this part of the state. In addition to 1400-foot-high Squapan Mountain and 9.5 miles of shoreline on Squapan Lake, it also has low hills, wetlands, brooks, and a small pond. This forested area, bordering a scenic lake, attracts visitors who enjoy hunting, fishing, and camping in a semi-remote setting. Water access campsites on the lake shore and snowmobile trails through the woods are the most popular destinations for visitors.
The St. Croix Waterway Commission was established through a 1986 Memorandum of Understanding and 1987 Legislative Acts by the State of Maine and the Province of New Brunswick and extends the full length of the St. Croix boundary waters, from their origin at the source of Monument Brook in Aroostook and York Counties to their confluence, 185km/110mi distant, with Passamaquoddy Bay in Washington and Charlotte Counties.
Bradbury Mountain State Park
Cumberland County

Bradbury Mountain State Park is a wonderful place to spend a day or afternoon exploring trails, taking in the magnificent view from the summit, or enjoying a picnic under a canopy of trees. One of the original five state parks, Bradbury Mountain was acquired by the Federal government in 1939.
Crescent Beach State Park opened in 1966 and is located about eight miles south of Portland in picturesque Cape Elizabeth. Sandy oceanfront beaches, saltwater coves, wooded areas, and rock ledges provide seashore recreation for beachgoers, fishing and watersports enthusiasts, and nature observers. Crescent Beach State Park is a classic saltwater beach park with beach grass-studded sand dunes, ocean breezes, herring gulls, picnic areas and views of fishing boats and an offshore island.
Nestled a few miles off the coast of Maine, Eagle Island State Historic Site receives about 6,000 visitors each season who tour the summer home of North Pole Explorer Admiral Robert Peary. Purchased in 1881 for $200, the island provides a perfect perch for Peary’s summer home that overlooks Casco Bay and surrounding islands.
Mackworth Island
Cumberland County

An island of approximately 100 acres, connected to Falmouth by a causeway at the mouth of the Presumpscot River. This proximity to Portland and the Presumpscot accounts for the unique blend of human and natural history that has shaped Mackworth Island. While human influence has greatly altered the natural environment, there is much to be enjoyed and preserved. The 1 ¼ mile trail that encircles the island takes about an hour to complete at a leisurely pace and visitors are treated to stunning views of Casco Bay and Portland.
Established by Samuel Mayall in 1791 in a small wooden building, this area grew to an operation based on the production of two large brick mills powered by the waters of Collyer Brook. At its peak, Mayall Mills employed 20 people and produced 30,000 yards of woolen cloth in a year. When Samuel died in 1831 his daughters took over the mills and eventually leased the buildings to other milling managers. The mills ceased operation in 1903.
Located in near the end of the Mere Point section of Brunswick, a plaque commemorates the site where heavy fog forced the landing of aircraft from the U.S. Army’s Round the World Flight on September 5, 1924. This was their first landing on American soil after flying 22,369 miles in 153 days.
Located on both sides of Route 231 near Freeport, the Pineland Unit includes more than 600 acres of land in New Gloucester, Gray and North Yarmouth. This rolling land with its forests and agricultural fields once supplied the needs of the Pineland Center, which it surrounds. Now, this tract of undeveloped land helps fill the growing need for open space and outdoor recreation in populous Cumberland County.
Scarborough Beach State Park
Cumberland County

Scarborough beach offers some of the best swimming in New England with water temps in the high 60's through out July and August. Rip Currents do occur on a daily basis and we firmly recommend swimming in the designated lifeguard area. Parking is limited to 285 on site spaces and 125 off site spaces.

Wildlife Watching
Swimming
Fishing

67 acres
Sebago Lake State Park opened to the public in 1938 as one of the five original state parks. This forested lakeside park is situated on the shore of Maine's deepest and second largest lake which provides year-round recreation for thousands of visitors each year. Includes 295 campsites, many with water and electric hook-ups. Near the foothills of the White Mountains, the park's 1,400 acres features sandy beaches, extensive woodlands, ponds, bogs, a river and diverse habitat for a wide variety of plant and animal life.

1,342 acres
Two Lights State Park is a popular point of destination for Maine residents and the many visitors who enjoy the state's legendary rocky coast. Opened in 1961, the park encompasses 41-acres of rocky headlands. Standing high above the rocky coast and rolling surf, visitors have sweeping views of Casco Bay and the open Atlantic.

- Picnicking
- Wildlife Watching
- Fishing

4,279 acres
Wolfe's Neck Woods State Park is a five minute drive from the center of Freeport's bustling shopping district, and as visitors approach the park, marshes and open fields provide a tranquil transformation back to nature. In 1969, this area of more than 200 acres was given to the State by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence M.C. Smith of Freeport. The park contains varied ecosystems, including climax white pine and hemlock forests, a salt marsh estuary, and the rocky shorelines on Casco Bay and the Harraseeket River.

- Picnicking
- Wildlife Watching
- Fishing
- Cross Country Skiing
- Hiking

464 acres
Bald Mountain
Franklin County

► Hiking
► Camping
► Mountain Biking
► Watching Wildlife
► Boat Launching
► Fishing
► Snowmobiling
► Cross Country Skiing
► Hiking

Escape to the scenic Bald Mountain unit where outdoor enthusiasts thrive in this four-season area. Hike Bald Mountain's one mile trail to the summit and enjoy panoramic views of Rangeley, Cupsuptic and Mooselookmeguntic lakes and the Height of Land. This hike is popular in the fall when Maine's countryside blushes with autumn color.

1,873 acres
Bigelow Preserve
Franklin & Somerset Counties

Located in western Maine just east of the village of Stratton about 40 miles north of Farmington, Bigelow Preserve includes over 36,000 acres of public land. The preserve encompasses the entire Bigelow Range, which includes seven summits. The highest of these at 4,150 feet is West Peak, one of only 10 Maine summits over 4,000 feet in elevation. Bounded on the north by 20,000-acre Flagstaff Lake, the preserve offers many opportunities for outdoor recreation.

Camping
Mountain Biking
Watching Wildlife
Fishing
Snowmobiling
ATV Riding
Cross Country Skiing
Hiking
Hunting
Timber Management

26,053 acres
The Chain of Ponds unit includes Natanis, Long, Bag, and Lower Ponds joined by short thoroughfares to form the "chain". The unit includes frontage on each of the ponds and offers lake shore camping at primitive remote sites, or a commercial campground with amenities.
Four Ponds
Franklin County

A 6,000 acre unit that surrounds the Appalachian Trail in Township E. It includes four remote-access ponds that are part of the region’s warm water fishery.

► Camping
► Wildlife Watching
► Snowmobile Riding
► Cross Country Skiing
► Fishing
► Hiking

6,018 acres
Mount Abraham
Franklin County

This is one of Maine’s high altitude mountains with an extensive treeless ridgeline offering spectacular views of the Western Mountains Region. Mount Abraham is one of eight mountains in the Western Region that rise above 4,000 feet. A trail from the summit to the Appalachian Trail westward provides an interesting side trail for hikers on the AT. Like many of the prominent mountains in Maine, this was used as a fire lookout station for many years, and the fire warden’s trail provides hikers access to the mountain through its eastern slopes. The summit of Mount Abraham supports some of Maine’s largest alpine habitat outside of Mountain Katahdin.

► Camping
► Wildlife Watching
► Snowmobiling
► ATV Riding
► Hiking
► Hunting

6,214 acres
Mount Blue State Park
Franklin County

Spectacular views of Mt. Blue and surrounding mountains ring this lakeside park that boasts a wide variety of activities for park visitors year-round. Located in the mountainous region of western Maine, Mt. Blue State Park offers visitors an extensive network of trails, a sandy beach, popular camping area, boat launch and picnic area.

- Camping
- Horseback Riding
- Mountain Biking
- Wildlife Watching
- Swimming
- Boat Launching
- Fishing
- Snowmobiling
- ATV Riding
- Cross Country Skiing
- Hiking
- Hunting/Trapping

8,220 acres
Rangeley Lake State Park
Franklin County

Rangeley State Park is located in one of Maine's most beautiful vacation regions, the western mountains. The park consists of 869 remote acres, on 10-square mile Rangeley Lake. The lake is famous for landlocked salmon and trout fishing, and anglers who voluntarily "catch and release" contribute to quality fishing. In addition to water sports, visitors enjoy hiking, picnicking, camping, wildlife watching, and photography.

870 acres
Located in the scenic Rangeley Lakes Region of western Maine, the 22,000-acre Richardson Unit includes 21 miles of shoreline on Richardson and Mooselookmeguntic Lakes, as well as frontage on several small ponds. The big lakes and small ponds, bounded by hardwood ridges and softwood flats, attract those who enjoy boating, fishing, hiking, and camping in a remote setting near the mountains.

22,806 acres
Tumbledown / Mt. Blue is a combination of fee and easement lands that linked public reserved ownership with and expanded and Mt. Blue State Park. The mix of fee and easement allowed the Bureau of Parks and Lands and its project partners to conserve a variety of parcels in the manner that best suited each. These parcels include the major trails, trailheads and camping areas of the Tumbledown range, as well as extensive productive forestlands.

?? acres
Donnell Pond
Hancock County

The Donnell Pond Unit includes more than 14,000 acres of remote forested land with crystal clear lakes, secluded ponds, and mountains with panoramic views. Located in Hancock County between Franklin and Cherryfield, this is where visitors can enjoy outdoor recreation in a scenic, remote setting.

- Picnicking
- Camping
- Watching Wildlife
- Boat Launching
- Swimming
- Snowmobiling
- ATV Riding
- Cross Country Skiing
- Mountain Biking
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Hunting

15,859 acres
Located in northern Hancock County about 70 miles northeast of Bangor, the Duck Lake Unit comprises more than 27,000 acres of forested land. The unit’s gently rolling terrain and many lakes, streams, and wetlands are typical of Eastern Maine.
Located in downtown Castine, Maine today, in 1779 this fort was the object of a huge Continental Army expedition that intended to seize it from its British occupiers. The expedition ended in the largest loss of vessels in U.S. Navy history.
Holbrook Island Sanctuary
Hancock County

Bordering Penobscot Bay in Brooksville, Holbrook Island Sanctuary protects many different ecosystems, which visitors can explore and enjoy. From the beaches, mud flats, and rocky coast to the tops of steep hills that are actually old volcanoes, the sanctuary hosts a great diversity of plant and animal life. Stands of spruce-fir, pine, and mixed hardwoods, together with wetlands and meadows, encourage a multitude of colorful wildflowers that bloom from early spring until late fall.

1,343 acres
Lamoine State Park
Hancock County

Nestled in the heart of Downeast Maine, this oceanfront park is located in one of the most sought-after vacation regions in the state. Lamoine State Park's central location is a quiet alternative that provides easy access to Bar Harbor, Acadia National Park, rockbound islands, and area lighthouses. Visitors enjoy camping, boating, fishing and simple relaxation in a beautiful location. Park views of Frenchman's Bay, and amenities such as the campground facilities and boat launching ramp are some of the park's highlights.

68 acres
Fort Halifax
Kennebec County

The oldest blockhouse in the United States is all that remains of Fort Halifax at the confluence of the Kennebec and Sebasticook Rivers in Winslow, Maine. English settlers built the fort in 1754 to protect colonial settlements along the Kennebec and it served as a garrison for troops from 1754-1766.

► Picnicking
► Historic Interpretation

1 acres
The Kennebec Highlands is comprised of about 5,500 acres of land in northwest Kennebec County. It includes the counties highest elevations – McGaffey and Vienna mountains, numerous streams and wetlands, and five undeveloped ponds.
Birch Point State Park
Knox County

Enjoy scenic views of Penobscot Bay while you picnic or fish. The park’s crescent-shaped sand beach allows swimming in a gentle surf. Swimmers should note that there are no lifeguards.

► Picnicking
► Swimming
► Fishing
► Hunting/Trapping

62 acres
Camden Hills State Park
Knox & Waldo Counties

Camden Hills State Park signature location is the scenic vista high atop Mt. Battie where sweeping views of Camden, Penobscot Bay, and surrounding islands await. On a clear day, visitors can see Cadillac Mountain at Acadia National Park. Mt. Megunticook, the highest of the Camden Hills - and highest peak on the mainland - is a moderate climb by foot trail. Other hiking opportunities abound and are well-mapped.

- Camping
- Wildlife Watching
- Picnicking
- Swimming
- Boat Launching
- Fishing
- Snowmobiling
- Cross Country Skiing
- Hiking
- Hunting/Trapping

5,785 acres
Dodge Point Management Unit, located on the western shore of the Damariscotta River, encompasses 521 acres in the Town of Newcastle. The property boasts over 8,000 feet of frontage on the Damariscotta River with pocket sand and pebble beaches, vistas from the Rivers' shore, freshwater ponds and stream-cut ravines in the interior uplands.
Located in the Damariscotta River off of Boothbay, visitors can see the remains of an earthen fort built in the early nineteenth century to protect the region. This is sometimes referred to as Webber or Webber’s Island or even Narrows Island and is popular with local kayakers and canoers.
Watch boats motor by, catch a glimpse of playful harbor seals, or see nearby nesting osprey take flight as you enjoy a picnic on the waterfront at Fort Edgecomb State Historic Site. Located on Davis Island in the Sheepscott River, Fort Edgecomb traces its origins to the early 19th century. Interpretive panels unfold the events surrounding the Fort’s history when hostilities in Europe dictated construction of forts to protect local residents.

3 acres
One of northern New England’s earliest communities, rich in archeological history, Colonial Pemaquid State Historic Site is a place not to be missed during a visit to Midcoast Maine. Bureau of Parks and Lands staff host interpretive tours, and teach visitors about the native people who camped on this once-remote peninsula that evolved into a rough settlement dating back to the mid-1620s.
Damariscotta Lake State Park
Lincoln County

Enjoy picnicking and swimming at one of midcoast Maine's most popular day use parks located on beautiful Damariscotta Lake in Jefferson. Damariscotta Lake State Park is a short drive from the state's capital, Augusta. A large freshwater lake with a sandy beach provide a relaxing location for beach goers. Picnic tables and grills are available for this popular summertime activity. Visitors will want to arrive early on warm summer days as parking is limited.

► Picnicking
► Wildlife Watching
► Swimming
► Fishing
Whaleback Shell Midden  
Lincoln County

The upper Damariscotta River is famous for its enormous oyster shell heaps, also called middens. Native Americans created the middens over a period of about a thousand years, between 2,200 and 1,000 years ago.

► Picnicking  
► Wildlife Watching  
► Fishing  
► Hiking  
► Historic Interpretation

11 acres
Several interesting attractions are conveniently located on scenic Route 26. Interpretive signs explain the glacial sculpting of Screw Auger Falls and the formation of Mother Walker Falls. A quarter-mile loop trail leads to Moose Cave with its narrow gorge and lush lichens and mosses. At Spruce Meadow and Screw Auger Falls visitors will find picnic tables and grills.
Mahoosuc
Oxford County

Mahoosuc is located on the New Hampshire border in central Oxford County. The Mahoosuc Unit and Grafton Notch State Park comprise more than 30,000 acres of rugged mountainous terrain. Scenic vistas from remote mountaintops attract backpackers, while just a short distance from the road streams and waterfalls sculpted by glaciers await walkers and picnickers.

- Camping
- Mountain Biking
- Wildlife Watching
- Picnicking
- ATV Riding
- Cross Country Skiing
- Fishing
- Snowmobiling

31,558 acres
Scraggly Lake is the centerpiece of this unit, which is located just northeast of Baxter State Park in northern Penobscot County. The Unit comprises 10,000 acres of gently rolling, heavily forested land, with numerous ponds, brooks and bogs. The lake has a campground and boat launch for visitors, while Ireland Pond offers a more remote recreational experience.
Katahdin Lake
Penobscot County

This 2,500 acre parcel contains a portion of the wild Wassataquiok Stream and a portion of North Turner Mountain. Part of a larger acquisition which included 4,040 acres to the South which is managed by Baxter State Park, this unit will be managed in accordance with the Bureau’s policies and will accommodate a variety of uses. The proximity to the renowned park and Maine’s highest peak – Mount Katahdin, make this a prime destination for local residents and as visitors alike.

Anticipated Activities:
► Camping
► Picnicking
► Canoeing/Kayaking
► Swimming
► Watching Wildlife
► Fishing
► Cross Country Skiing
► Hunting

2,454 acres
Seboeis is located south of Millinocket and contains a considerable amount of shoreline on Seboeis and Endless Lakes. Campers and day visitors on this 13,000 acre parcel enjoy impressive views of the nearby mountains, including Katahdin. Snowmobilers pass through the unit in winter, traveling from Milo to Medway.
Wassataquoik
Penobscot County

► Camping
► Mountain Biking
► Wildlife Watching
► Boat Launching
► Fishing
► Snowmobiling
► Cross Country Skiing
► Hunting

Wassataquoik features several miles of scenic shoreline on the East Branch of the Penobscot River and Wassataquoik Stream. Primitive campsites are available on the stream shore. A popular snowmobile trail crosses the unit connecting East Millinocket and Shin Pond.

2,099 acres
Big Spencer Mountain
Piscataquis County

- Watching Wildlife
- Hiking
- Hunting

A 4,348 acre “ecoreserve” southeast of Lobster Lake in the Moosehead Lake region. Hiking to the summit of this picturesque peak is the units most popular recreational opportunity.

4,348 acres
Gero Island is a large island in Chesuncook Lake. The water access campsites on the shore are popular with anglers and canoeists paddling the West Branch Penobscot River. The unit also surrounds historic Chesuncook Village on the mainland. 

- Camping
- Wildlife Watching
- Picnicking
- Snowmobiling (Ungroomed)
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Hunting
The 194,751 acre Katahdin Forest Easement was acquired by the Bureau in 2007. This Conservation Easement is the largest State-held easement and protects a significant portion of the North Maine Woods as working forest. Buffering Baxter State Park, this easement also provides protection of recreation resources and natural areas.
Today, the skeletons of a and stand silent, lone remnants of the Katahdin Iron Works. Between 1843 and 1890, these structures pulsed with activity as part of Maine’s only nineteenth century iron works operation. The fires of the blast furnace flamed non-stop, glowing against the night sky. Such sights and sounds must have seemed out of place in the Maine wilderness. Yet, it was the wilderness, with its ready supplies of iron ore, fuel wood, and waterpower that brought the iron works industry to this site.

5.5 acres
Katahdin Ironworks
Piscataquis County

This 37,000 acre conservation easement area contains both a working forest and ecological reserve management area. The Katahdin Forest easement area ensures public access while maintaining sustainable forestry, addressing the ecological and economic needs of the Maine Woods.

Canoeing/Kayaking
Swimming
Watching Wildlife
Fishing
Cross Country Skiing
Hunting

37,011 acres
Lily Bay State Park
Piscataquis County

Lily Bay State Park is the place to pitch your tent near the shores of Moosehead Lake where campsites are well-spaced, wooded and some are lakeside. Located in Beaver Cove, the park offers visitors access to the popular central Maine region where hiking, fishing, hunting and leaf-peeping are popular activities throughout the year.

- Picnicking
- Camping
- Wildlife Watching
- Swimming
- Boat Launching
- Fishing
- Snowmobiling (Ungroomed)
- Cross Country Skiing
- Hiking
- Hunting/Trapping
- Dogsledding

933 acres
Located just west of Greenville in Piscataquis County, the Little Moose Management Unit covers more than 15,000 acres in Moosehead Junction and Big Moose townships. Although the forested land is flat to gently rolling in the southeastern quarter, the unit also includes most of the Little Moose Mountain Range with its steep slopes, rocky streams, and remote ponds.
The Moosehead Lake unit includes Sugar and Farm Islands and most of the shore in Days Academy and Kineo Townships. There are numerous boat access campsites on the shore. Hiking trails provide visitors access to the spectacular views from the summit of Mount Kineo. Boats may be launched at several locations on the lake including Lily Bay State Park and Rockwood.
Nahmakanta encompasses more than 43,000 acres. The Appalachian Trail crosses the unit following the shore of Nahmakanta Lake. The large Debsconeag backcountry area offers the experienced hiker the opportunity to explore a spectacular complex of low mountains and remote ponds. The hiking trail along Turtle Ridge crosses densely wooded terrain with panoramic views of surrounding lands including Mt. Katahdin from open ledges. Vehicle accessible campsites provide convenient access to scenic ponds and hiking trailheads.
Peaks-Kenny State Park
Piscataquis County

Nestled on the shores of Sebec Lake, Peaks-Kenny State Park is one of those undiscovered gems of our park system. Campers enjoy the peaceful, family-oriented campground with only 56 sites that are tucked away in wooded areas to promote privacy.

► Picnicking
► Wildlife Watching
► Fishing
► Swimming

813 acres
Telos is a 23,000-acre unit that surrounds Telos Lake and the southern end of Chamberlain Lake, the most popular starting point for canoeists traveling the Allagash Wilderness Waterway. Campsites are located on Coffelos Pond, a popular destinations for anglers.
Built between 1905 and 1912 and named for Jeduthan Baldwin, an engineer for the Colonial army during the Revolutionary War, Fort Baldwin originally consisted of three batteries (Cogan, Hardman, and Hawley). During the First World War, Forts Baldwin and Popham held a garrison of two hundred soldiers including the 13th and 29th Coast Artillery. During the Second World War, D Battery, 8th Coast Artillery manned the fort from 1941 to 1943.
Fort Popham is a semi-circular granite fort that was never completed, though construction began in 1862 for use during the Civil War. Modifications were made and the fort was used again in the Spanish American War and in World War I. Historical records conclude that fortifications, probably wooden, existed here and protected the Kennebec settlements during the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. It was nearby that the English made their first attempt to colonize New England in 1607.
Peacock Beach State Park is a convenient drive off Maine Route 201 on Pleasant Pond in Richmond, about 12 miles from Maine's capital city, Augusta. A small beach and swimming area staffed with a lifeguard make this an ideal spot for a family picnic.

- Picnicking
- Camping
- Swimming
- Fishing
- Hunting/Trapping

72 acres
Perkins Island
Sagadahoc County

Located in the midst of the Kennebec River off of Phippsburg, Perkins Island includes a lighthouse, keeper’s house and bell tower. Watching wildlife and fishing for Striped Bass are among the relaxing activities that visitors to the island enjoy. Access is by personal boat, canoe or kayak.
Popham Beach State Park
Sagadahoc County

Bordering the south side of the mouth of the Kennebec River, Popham Beach State Park is truly one of Maine's rare geologic landforms that features a long stretch of sand beach. Sunbathers relaxing on Popham's sands can see Fox and Wood islands offshore, and the Kennebec and Morse rivers border each end of the beach. Visitors can walk to Fox Island at low tide, but are warned to pay attention to the rising tides not to get marooned.

► Picnicking
► Wildlife Watching
► Swimming
► Fishing
► Hunting/Trapping

588 acres
Popham Colony, 1607
Sagadahoc County

Site of the earliest English settlement in New England, Fort St. George, as the colonists called it, is little more than a open point of land today. But a series of archaeological digs over the past decade has revealed the remains of the colony’s buildings and belongings deep under the soil. Founded by Sir Raleigh Gilbert in 1607, the colony produced the first ship ever built in North America.
Reid State Park bears the distinct honor as being Maine’s first State-owned Saltwater Beach. In 1946, prosperous businessman and Georgetown resident Walter E. Reid donated land to the State of Maine to be preserved forever, and a few years later Reid State Park became a reality.
Located just west of Popham Beach in Phippsburg, Spirit Pond is a beautiful area to hike and commune with nature. In addition to historical farming and mill sites, the area is also the location where, in 1974, Norse rune stones were found dating to as early as 1010 A.D. Much debate has ensued about the authenticity of these relics with many believing they were fraudulently produced just prior to their “discovery”.

- Watching Wildlife
- Fishing
- Cross Country Skiing
- Hiking
- Hunting
In the headwaters region of the St. John River, this property includes 1,650 acres completely surrounding 1230-acre Baker Lake. This is a popular starting point for extended canoe trips on the St. John River, and is becoming a popular destination for muskie fishing since the fish appeared in the lake in 1984. Though remote and well within the North Maine Woods area, there is an easily accessed campsite and boat launch at the top of the lake. The recently completed management plan for this property calls for adding a group campsite to serve the youth groups brought here by a variety of organizations.
Dead River encompasses several miles of shore on Flagstaff Lake and the first few miles of the Dead River after it leaves the lake. Visitors enjoy camping at the lake’s sites, accessible by boat, and at the vehicle accessible campground at Big Eddy on the river.

- Camping
- Horseback Riding
- Mountain Biking
- Boat Launching
- Fishing
- Snowmobiling (Ungroomed)
- ATV Riding
- Cross Country Skiing
- Hiking
- Hunting

7,031 acres
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Somerset County

► Camping
► Mountain Biking
► Picnicking
► Boat Launching
► Swimming
► Watching Wildlife
► Fishing
► Snowmobiling
► Cross Country Skiing
► ATV Riding
► Hiking
► Hunting
► Dogsledding

Eagle Lake is a 23,000-acre unit including most of Eagle Lake in northern Maine. The unit abuts Square Lake to the east with a thoroughfare connecting the two lakes.
Located north and west of Moosehead Lake in Pittston Academy Grant, Soldierville Township, Plymouth Township, Seboomook Township, and Little W Township, this unit includes 40,583 acres surrounding Seboomook Lake and extending south to the north end of Moosehead Lake, with 58 miles of water frontage; and 853 acres in a 24-mile shoreland strip adjacent to Canada Falls Lake and the South Branch of the Penobscot River, which flows out of Canada Falls Lake and drains into Seboomook Lake.

41,436 acres
Recognizing the need to sustain all the public values of this productive forest, the State of Maine and Forest Society of Maine labored more than three years to complete this 329,000-acre project, conserving the largest contiguous tract of land ever protected in Maine--an area 1.5 times the size of Baxter State Park, with hundreds of miles of lake and river frontage. The State acquired nearly 47,000 acres in fee, including recreational lands around Seboomook Lake and historic Pittston Farm, and areas of great ecological sensitivity around Baker Lake and several of the St. John Ponds.

46,817 acres
Fort Knox, Maine's largest historic fort, features stunning military architecture and master granite craftsmanship. Constructed between 1844 and 1864 by master craftsmen and never fully completed, this is an unaltered example of a large mid-19th century granite coastal fortification. It is also New England's finest unmodified specimen of military architecture of the period.

- Picnicking
- Wildlife Watching
- Fishing
- Historic Interpretation

125 acres
Located about three miles off U.S. Route 1 in Stockton Springs, and named for the point of which Gov. Thomas Pownall established in 1759, Fort Point State Park occupies a long peninsula with panoramic views of the Penobscot River and Penobscot Bay. On its 120 acres, the park features more than a mile of rocky shore, a tidal sandbar, and diverse habitat for a variety of plants and animals. Opened in 1974, the park also includes Fort Point State Historic Site and the Fort Point Light Station.

157 acres
Lake St. George State Park is located 16 miles west of Belfast and 25 miles east of Augusta on the northwest shore of beautiful Lake St. George. State Route 3 ran parallel and close to the lake, which was originally part of a farmstead. The centerpiece of the park is Lake St. George itself. Some of the park’s campsites are located right on the shoreline where a morning cup of coffee can be enjoyed while watching the sun rise over the crystal clear water.
Take a break at Moose Point State Park to enjoy an afternoon picnic and the views of Penobscot Bay. Located off US Route 1, Moose Point is a popular place for travelers along this scenic coastal route. Relax in an evergreen grove, explore tidal pools, take a walk on the park’s trails, or just enjoy the views.
A one-minute elevator ride will take you to one of the most unusual views in Maine, a 360 degree view from 437 feet above the Penobscot River, just a few miles up river from Penobscot Bay. Located atop the northern tower or "pylon" of the new Penobscot Narrows Bridge, the observatory gives visitors a spectacular look at mountains, lakes, and portions of Penobscot Bay.
Swan Lake State Park
Waldo County

Swan Lake State Park is nestled on scenic Swan Lake. Visitors can enjoy swimming area with lifeguard supervision, picnic sites with grills and walking trails. Toilets and changing facilities are also available for use. For large gatherings, a private group shelter (fee charged) equipped with volleyball, horseshoes and a handicapped accessible toilet are available.

► Picnicking
► Swimming
► Fishing
► Hunting/Trapping

67 acres
Serenity describes this park that's tucked away in Penobscot Bay where visitors use their own boat to access the island. The park is designed for the boating public, and there is no public ferry transportation to the island. No phones are available on the island ensuring a Robinson Crusoe-esque experience. Campers choose from one of the 10 campsites or the two Adirondack shelters for accommodations. A trip to Warren Island is guaranteed to create memories that will last all winter long!

70 acres
Cobscoook Bay State Park is ideal for the camper seeking solitude and beautiful scenery. The Park, surrounded on three sides by the salt waters of Cobscook Bay, has more than 100-well-spaced and secluded campsites. Many of these campsites are located at the water’s edge and provide excellent vantage points to observe the ebb and flow of the tides.
Cutler Coast on Washington County’s "Bold Coast" contains almost five miles of dramatic cliff-bound ocean shore. Located in Cutler and Whiting, the 12,000-acre unit represents the eastern tip of Washington County where peatlands, blueberry barrens, partially forested ledges, and thick, swampy woods dominate the countryside.
Great Heath in Washington County includes the Pleasant River as it flows through a large peat bog. Canoeists can paddle the 9-10 mile stretch of river through the unit, although there are many beaver dams and it is not for the faint of heart.

- Camping
- Wildlife Watching
- Fishing
- Hunting

5,925 acres
This area includes nearly 14,000 acres along the Machias River Corridor and Machias Lakes, and ranks as one of Maine’s most scenic and outstanding paddling rivers. Over the course of 76 miles, canoeists enjoy an array of water courses—from lakes and swamps to rapids and a waterfall. The river is rich in brook trout, bass, and pickerel, and each spring Atlantic salmon return to its spawning and rearing grounds. Conservation partners have been active in restoring the historically productive Atlantic salmon habitat within the corridor.
Nicatous
Washington County

A 20,619 acre easement that abuts the Duck Lake unit on the western shore of West and Nicatous lakes. The bureau manages recreational access to the lake and campsites along the lake and in the upland.

► Camping
► Wildlife Watching
► Swimming
► Boat Launching
► Fishing
► Snowmobiling
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► Hunting

20,620 acres
Quoddy Head State Park has 4.5 miles of hiking trails extensive forests, two bogs, diverse habitat for rare plants, and the striking, red-and-white striped lighthouse tower of West Quoddy Head Light. With its diverse landscape, breathtaking views, scenic picnic sites, and opportunities for hiking and whale watching, Quoddy Head State Park is a fun and fascinating destination for visitors to Downeast Maine.
The Rocky Lake unit represents more than 11,000 acres of opportunities for remote recreation - just 10 miles off busy U.S. Route 1 near Machias. Offering good examples of the glacial landscape of eastern Maine, this unit has low, forested ridges in otherwise level terrain, meandering rivers and streams bordered by wetlands, and shallow, rocky lakes dotted with islands.
Roque Bluffs State Park in the town of Roque Bluff about six miles off US Route 1, is a unique day use area. With its pebble beach on the ocean and freshwater pond, it provides both fresh and saltwater swimming. Facilities include tables, grills, changing areas with toilets, and a children’s playground.
Shackford Head, a 90-acre undeveloped peninsula in Eastport, is located off Maine Route 190. The site includes beaches, protected coves, and a bold headland. A hiking trail from the parking area through the woods to the rocky headland allows beautiful views of Cobscook Bay.
Ferry Beach State Park is located off Maine Route 9 on Bay View Road between Old Orchard Beach and Camp Ellis in Saco. A stand of tupelo (black gum) trees, rare at this latitude, can be seen in this 100-acre area, which offers a sweeping view of miles of white sand beaches between the Saco River and Pine Point.
For more than 275 years, a fort has stood to protect the approaches to the Piscataqua River at the southern gateway to Kittery, Maine. The most recent of these is Fort McClary, named for New Hampshire native Major Andrew McClary who died at the Revolutionary War’s Battle of Bunker Hill. Fort McClary stands today as one of the state’s most important historic forts that dramatically preserves evidence of military history and changes in military architecture and technology.
John Paul Jones Historic Site
York County

Funded by the state of Maine in 1924, the sculpture was sited conspicuously at the gateway to Maine from New Hampshire and symbolized the high honor paid by the state to its World War I soldiers and veterans. The Maine Sailors and Soldiers Memorial also fell victim to a dispute between Maine governors Baxter and Brewster, became part of a dialogue concerning post-World War I pacifism and militarism, and emerged as an example of public art caught in the crossfire of political debate.

Picnicking
Historic Interpretation

2 acres
Leavitt Plantation
York County

Within a 1-hour drive of Portland, this 8,600 acre easement is on largest contiguous managed forest ownership in York County. The State and a variety of partners worked to ensure that this, the largest block of unfragmented forestland in this part of the state would continue to support the regional timber economy, provide forest recreation opportunities to the surrounding communities and protect the pristine Pine River and habitat for rare plants and federally listed species.
Along the side of U.S. Route 1 in Wells is a memorial that records the attack by Native Americans led by their sachem, Madockawando, on the village of English settlers on June 10, 1692. This was the same day that the first woman was executed in Salem, Massachusetts, for witchcraft.
Vaughn Woods State Park
York County

- Watching Wildlife
- Picnicking
- Hiking

A 250-acre forested tract along the scenic Salmon Falls River offers picnic facilities and hiking trails through old growth stands of pine and hemlock. Hiking is available on several trails that connect to make up one large loop, a system 3+ miles long. Visitors can walk smaller sections if they choose.
Summary

Nearly **one million acres**
of direct management responsibility

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**DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION**

**MAINE**

**PARKS & LANDS**
Public Boating Access

There are more than 460 boat access sites that were either owned and maintained by the Bureau or built with Bureau assistance. Most of the Non-state-owned sites were assisted with grants from DOC.

- **DOC Owned Sites:** 106
  - Carry In: 24
- **IF&W Owned Sites:** 98
  - Carry In: 39
- **DOT Owned Sites:** 3
  - Carry In: 1
- **Non-State Owned:** 254
  - Carry In: 32

**Total State-Assisted:** 461
**Total Carry In:** 96
Multi-Use Trails

► Horseback Riding
► ATV Riding
► Snowmobiling
► Hiking
► Dogsledding
► Mountain Biking

The Department’s Off-Road-Vehicle Division has identified an additional 25 miles of multi-use trails for acquisition across the state. They are also currently working on removing rail on 85 miles of the MDOT Calais Branch Rail Corridor from Ellsworth to Pembroke. Much of this 85 mile multi-use trail expected to be completed by December of 2008.

• 210 Miles of State-Owned Recreational Trails
• 50 Miles of Leased Trails
Maine’s Coastal Islands

There are 1,323 islands within the management responsibility of the Bureau of Parks and Lands. Of these, 84 are leased to non-profit groups and municipalities, 301 are managed directly by the Bureau, by IF&W or the Federal government, and 938 remain listed as “unregistered. The Maine Island Trail Association also assists with the management of many of these islands and provides the experience kayaker support in planning their trip along the trail.

- Picnicking
- Wildlife Watching
- Fishing
- Swimming
- Kayaking/Canoeing
- Primitive Camping

1,102 acres