The Allagash.

The Logging Era

In the 1800s, the Penobscot Indians and lumber seeking families of the MaineWF made their camps. The logging era began in 1850 and continued until the 1930s. This era marked the beginning of the development of MaineWF. The logging era was characterized by the building of roads, dams, and other structures associated with logging. Many logging companies worked in the area, and the logging industry was a major employer in the region.

Establishing the Waterway

Today, there are rebuilt dams at the site of the original Long Lake Dam, and dam gates 4 miles upstream of the site of the original Chamberlain Lake Dam, allowing water levels to be regulated above and below Long Lake as a part of the AWW. These gates, along with those at the site of the original Long Lake Dam, maintain water levels in Long Lake and Long Pond.

The Allagash Guide: What You Need to Know

When Henry David Thoreau visited the Allagash region in 1857 he was guided by a MaineWF guide named John Dean. The guide provided Thoreau with general advice for planning a trip.

Hints For Success

Thoreau's 1857 visit to the Allagash region and his stay with the Jack Deans is documented in his book "A Week on the Concord and Merrimack Rivers." Following in the footsteps of Thoreau, naturalists, hunters, and anglers began visiting the Allagash in large numbers back in the 1800s. To serve the needs of these pioneers and lumber seekers, early entrepreneurs began building camps, stores, and other facilities in the area. Today, there are many camps along both the Waterway and the Stream.

Emergency Assistance

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