

AROOSTOOK STATE PARK

In 1938, interested citizens of Presque Isle donated 100 acres of land to the State with the hope of creating Maine's first State Park. In 1939, this became a reality with the creation of Aroostook State Park. Subsequent donations increased the park to its present size of over 800 acres. Encompassing Quaggy Jo Mountain's peaks, and fronting on Echo Lake, the park provides year-round recreational opportunities.

The most prominent feature of Aroostook State Park is Quaggy Jo rising abruptly from the surrounding farmlands. Uplifted by folding of the earth's crust, weathered and shaped by glaciations through time, Quaggy Jo offers a unique chance to study our geologic past. The underlying limestone formations mark the presence of an ancient sea, and the mountain's outer layer of volcanic rock suggests a later lava flow of an unknown origin.

Quaggy Jo is the shortened form of its Indian name, QuaQuaJo. One popular translation for QuaQuaJo is "twin peaked".

The park's natural areas are typical of northern Maine. Its forest consists mainly of a mixture of spruce, fir, beech, and maple. Cedar stands can be found in low, swampy areas.

A wide variety of birds and mammals live within the park. While squirrels and chipmunks are most frequently seen, fox, deer, moose and bear also call the park "home". Birds of all types are found here too, including hawks, owls and woodpeckers.

Large brook trout can be found in spring fed Echo Lake.

CAMPING

30 wooded sites, each with a table and fire pit, are available for either tent or trailer camping. Hot showers and a kitchen shelter with lights and running water are available for use by campers. Camping reservations may be made by calling:

1-800-332-1501 (within Maine)
207-624-9950 (outside of Maine)

Or online: WWW.CAMPWITHME.COM

DAY USE FACILITIES

Aroostook's handicap accessible lakeside picnic area provides tables, charcoal grills, a swimming area and changing facilities.

The boating area offers ample space for parking, launching and docking. Canoes and kayaks can be rented at the control station. Life jackets and paddles are included.

LOCATION

Located 5 miles south of Presque Isle, west of US Route #1, Aroostook State Park is an ideal starting point for discovering the North Maine Woods, the Allagash Wilderness Waterway and the Canadian Provinces of New Brunswick and Quebec.

NEARBY POINTS OF INTEREST

- **The James School**, A fully restored One Room Schoolhouse
- **Transatlantic Balloon Launch Site**, Starting point of the first successful crossing.
- **Haystack Mountain**, A short climb with rewarding views.

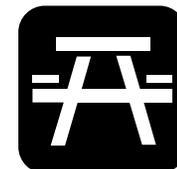
For more information on these and other nearby attractions, inquire at the park control station, or just ask any park employee.

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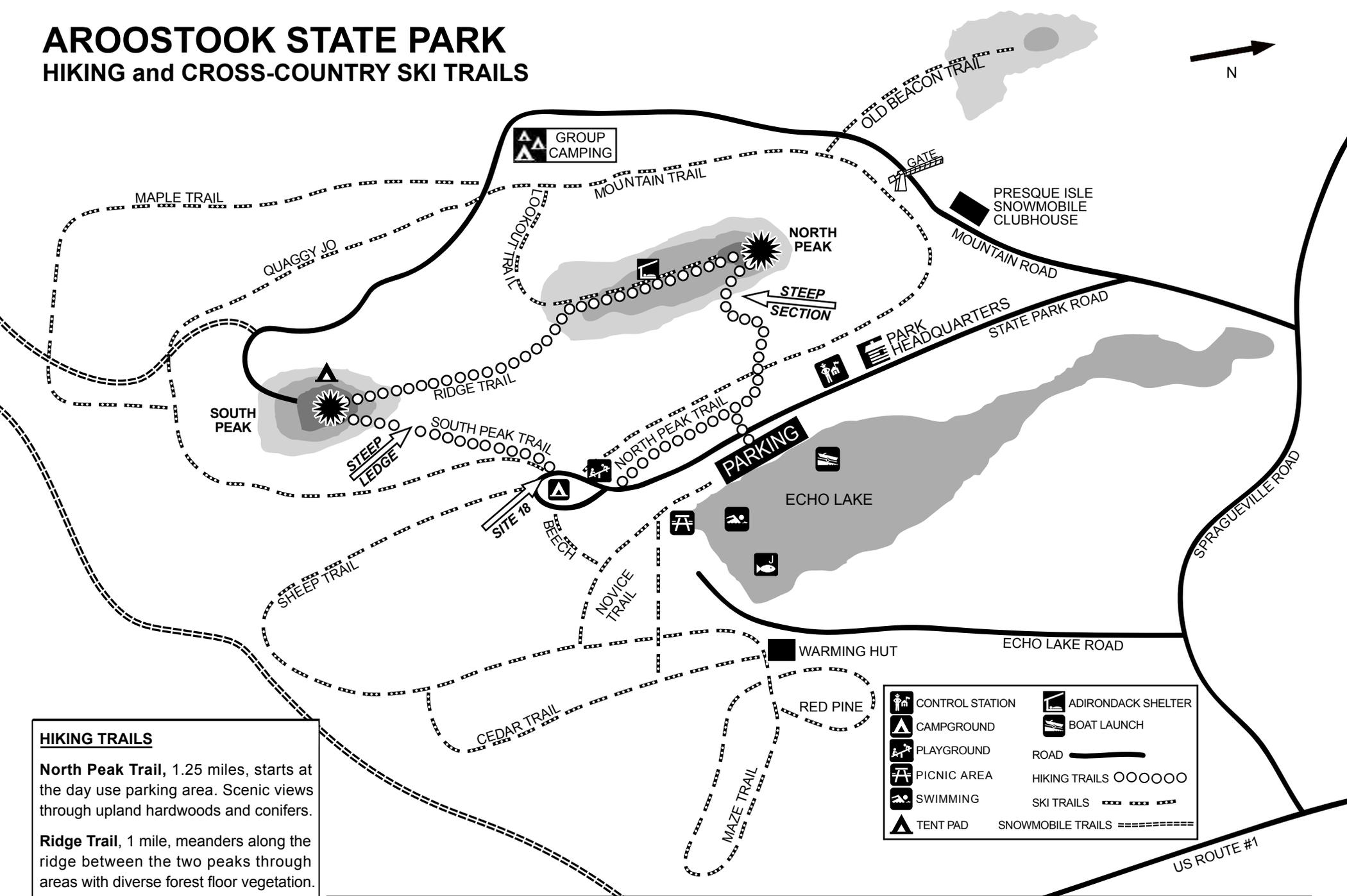


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HIKING and CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TRAILS



HIKING TRAILS

North Peak Trail, 1.25 miles, starts at the day use parking area. Scenic views through upland hardwoods and conifers.

Ridge Trail, 1 mile, meanders along the ridge between the two peaks through areas with diverse forest floor vegetation.

South Peak Trail, .75 mile, **STEEP** and **RUGGED**, but an interesting climb starting from the campground and following a rocky outcrop to the peak.

If you are planning to hike the entire 3 mile hiking trail system, it is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** that you begin by going up the South Peak Trail, then heading over to the North Peak Trail in a clockwise direction. It is much easier to go up the South Peak Trail than it is to come down it. The 4 mile cross-country ski trail can also be used as a summer hiking trail. Some of the park trails leave park property. The owners have given permission for you to use, and for us to maintain these trails.