

DEBOULLIE PUBLIC LANDS

HIKING TRAILS

Deboullie's 30 mile hiking trail system provides multiple loop opportunities of varying difficulties and lengths. Some loops are completed by walking along the road.

Tower Trail (moderate to difficult, 4-mile roundtrip, allow 4 hours) begins by a parking area at the east end of Deboullie Pond. The trail follows the pond shore west for 1.3 miles and crosses a large rockslide before entering a clearing with a picnic site—where a side trail heads steeply up for seven-tenths of a mile to the summit (with views in all directions from the 48-foot fire tower). Trail includes switchbacks, several staircases, vistas and a footbridge. Look for ice caves along the way (crevices where ice can remain year-round).

Deboullie Loop Trail (easy to difficult, 6-mile roundtrip, not counting spurs, allow 5 hours) begins at the east end of Deboullie Pond, and follows the pond shore west 1.8 miles, passing the summit trail, and continuing west to the end of the pond. The trail turns south (with a short spur leading to Gardner Pond) and then forks. Right spur goes 1.8 miles through woods to Denny Pond. Continue 3 miles through woods to the shore of Pushineer Pond. The hiking trail ends at the road to Red River Camps and a one-mile walk along the access road leads back to the original trailhead.

Black Mountain Loop Trail (easy to difficult, 5.5 miles round trip, allow 4 hours) begins at the east end of Deboullie Pond. Follow the Little Black Ponds Trail to Black Pond, then the right-hand trail to Black Mountain. The scenic vistas on Black Mt. provide spectacular views of Black Pond, the Gardner rock slide, pond and Mt. The trail continues along the top of Black Mt., across the saddle between Black and Deboullie Mountain then up the north side of Deboullie Mt. to the tower. Follow the Tower Trail back to the trailhead parking.

Gardner Loop Trail (easy to difficult, 8.4 miles roundtrip minimum, multi-day hike opportunity if including other loop trails). Terrain varies from flat to very steep slopes. There are numerous scenic vistas, and a footbridge over an unnamed inlet brook at north end of Gardner Pond. The trail also passes by a small upland pond frequented by moose.

Waterfall Loop Trail (moderate to difficult, 4.4 miles round trip from Gardner Loop Trailhead) north segment of trail passes the base of a seasonal waterfall, difficult sections include rock faces with boulder fields. Scenic vistas; scattered, large old growth trees.

Crater Trail (moderate, 1.7 miles one way from Whitman Valley Trailhead) beautiful short hike with sheer cliffs, vistas, shoreline and a log ladder. Ends at the south end of the Gardner Loop Trail. Turn right for a longer loop, or turn left for a short hike to the road. Turn left on the road to head back to the Whitman Valley Trailhead.

Denny Trail (easy 1.8 miles one way) relatively flat, mostly on old logging roads through mixed forest, nice easy walk. Trailhead and small parking area are on the east side of Denny Pond.

Whitman Valley Trail (mostly easy, some sections moderate due to boulders, 1.9 miles one way) passes the bottom of very steep cliff faces, one section of trail follows along a small, babbling brook with an active beaver pond. North end connects to Deboullie Loop Trail.

Whitman Ridge Trail (moderate difficulty, 2.6 miles one way) steep sections, vistas with panoramic views of Togue Pond, Perch Pond and Gardner Pond. North end connects to Deboullie Loop Trail.

Upper Pond Trail (0.9 miles) / **Island Pond Trail** (1 mile) (easy) used mostly by clients of Red River Camps; mostly flat through mixed forest, an easy walk on old logging roads.

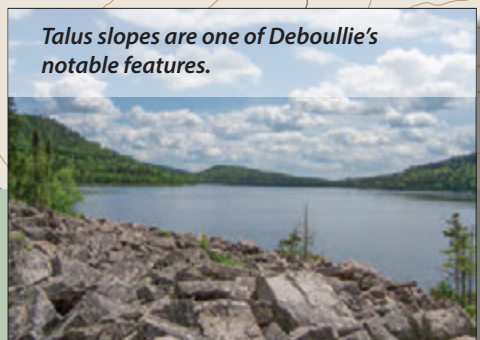
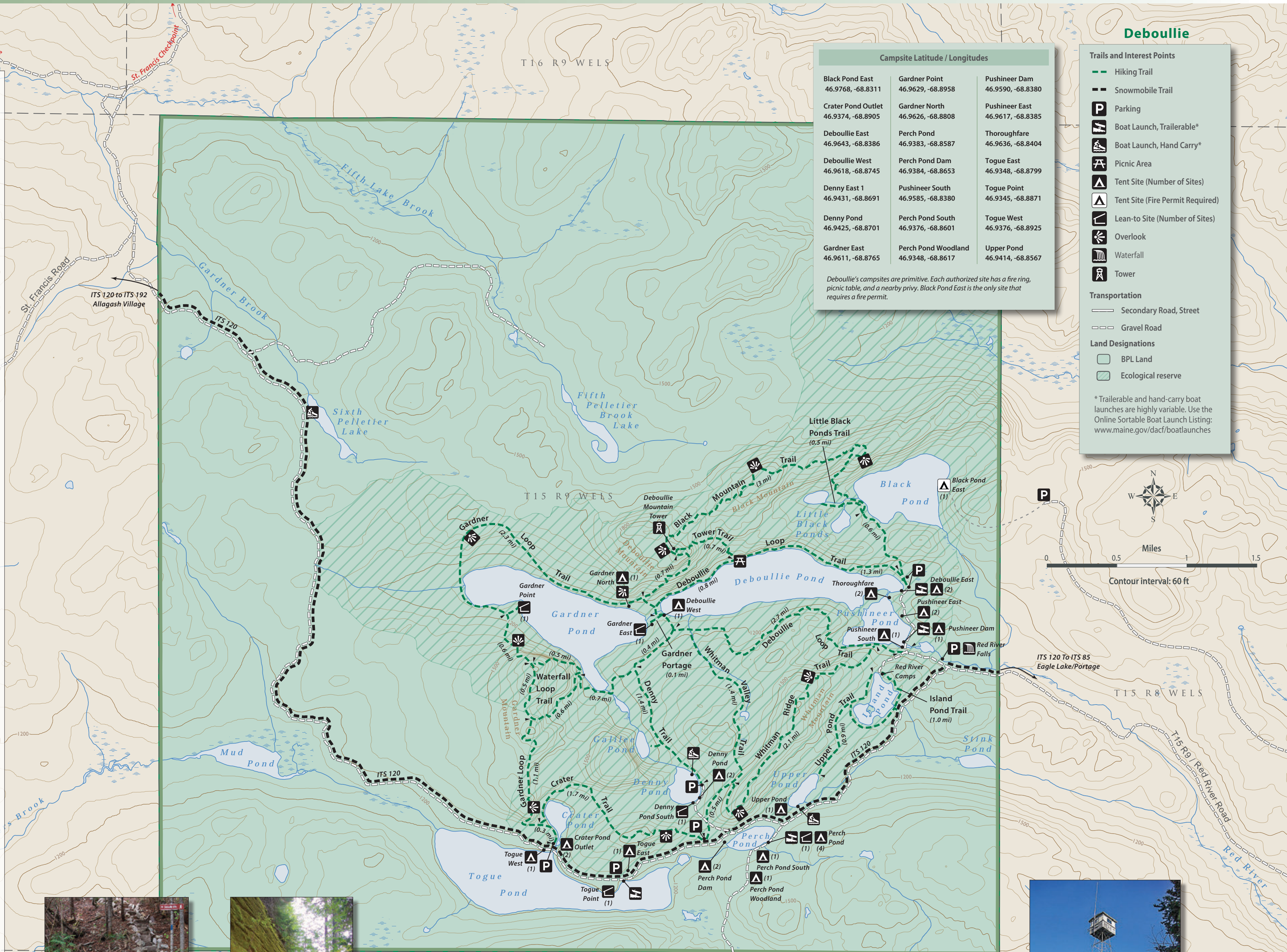
Little Black Ponds Trail (easy, 2.2 miles round trip) is a short easy spur trail off of the Black Mountain Trail, on an old logging road and used mostly by fishermen. There are no campsites on Little Black Ponds: this is a day-use area only.

MOTORIZED TRAILS

ITS 120 snowmobile trail runs through Deboullie along a shared-use road. Roads that have designated recreational uses are signed as shared-use. Road users should be prepared to encounter both pedestrians and vehicles. The Bureau does not encourage snowmobiling on lakes or ponds because of potential hazards.

For maps and additional information about Snowmobiling contact the Bureau's Off-road Recreational Vehicle Office at (207) 287-4957. Within Maine Only: 1-800-462-1019.

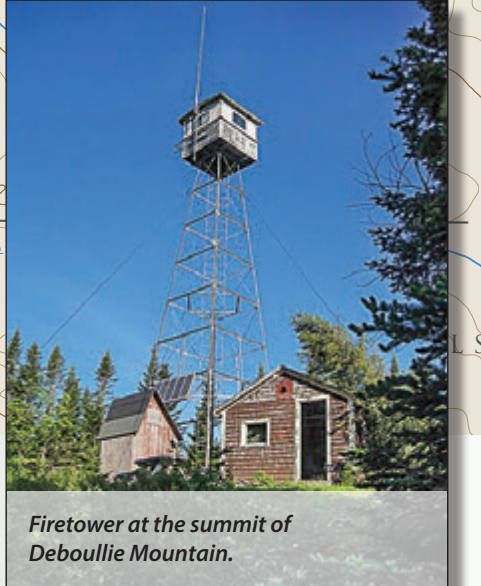
This map shows selected access roads. For complete road information use another map, such as *The Maine Atlas and Gazetteer*.



Talus slopes are one of Deboullie's notable features.



Photo by Katie Nemmer



Firetower at the summit of Deboullie Mountain.