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NEARBY DESTINATIONS

Seboeis Public Lands lie within The Maine Highlands Region that encompasses Baxter State Park and other notable North Woods attractions in Piscataquis and Somerset Counties. Other destinations within this region include:

- **Moosehead Lake Shoreline Lands** encompass several significant parcels along Moosehead Lake, including the renowned Mount Kineo, which offers 5 miles of hiking trails. FMI: www.maine.gov/mooseheadlakeshoreline
- **Peaks-Kenny State Park** provides quiet, attractive campsites on the shores of Sebec Lake. FMI: www.maine.gov/peaks-kenny
- **Katahdin Iron Works State Historic Site** offers hiking trails, beautiful scenery and historical landmarks at the site of a former iron ore mining operation within the North Maine Woods system. Gulf Hags, a National Natural Landmark known informally as the “Grand Canyon of Maine,” provides challenging hikes and an impressive gorge six miles west of Katahdin Iron Works. FMI: www.maine.gov/katahdinironworks
- **Nahmakanta Public Lands** encompasses more than 43,000 acres with 25 miles of backcountry hiking trails (plus 12 additional miles along the Appalachian Trail) and lakeside camping. FMI: www.maine.gov/nahmakanta
- **Baxter State Park**, with more than 200,000 acres and 46 mountain peaks (including Mt. Katahdin), provides abundant hiking, paddling and camping opportunities and is the northern terminus of the Appalachian Trail.
- **Penobscot River Corridor**, spanning over 100 miles of river and lakes, offers 120 campsites and exceptional fishing, canoeing, and whitewater paddling and rafting. FMI: www.maine.gov/penobscotrivercorridor

WHEN TO VISIT

Boaters, campers, and ATV riders enjoy the Seboeis Public Lands through the warm weather months, followed by hunters in October and November and ice fishermen and snowmobilers in mid-winter. Surface fishing for salmon and trout is usually best in the weeks following ice out (typically early to mid-May) or when the waters cool in September.

The lake gets relatively heavy use by fishermen and campers on summer weekends. Arrive early to increase your choices of campsite or boat trailer parking.



PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS

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SERVICES & FACILITIES

- 16 primitive campsites with picnic tables, fire rings and privies (3 are outhouse-style toilets) Six of the campsites are drive-to locations and two accommodate camper trailers. Seven campsites are accessible by water only (two on Sand Cove peninsula, one large group site on Hammer Island, one on Burn Island, one near the outlet of Turtle Pond, and two on the western shore of Endless Lake).
- 1 trailerable boat launch site with small parking area at the north end of Seboeis Lake (off Boat Landing Road), a primitive hand-carry launch site at the south end of Seboeis Lake, and a primitive hand-carry launch site at the southern end of Endless Lake (off Endless Lake Road).
- Trailerable and hand-carry boat launches are highly variable. View the Online Sortable Boat Launch Listing: www.maine.gov/dacf/boatlaunches

THE MAINE HIGHLANDS REGION

DIRECTIONS

Follow Route 11 (12 miles south from Millinocket or 16 miles north from Brownville Junction) to the Public Lands sign and road opposite the State sand/salt facility. Turn south on that paved road and follow that road through the village of West Seboeis. Go left across the railroad tracks and proceed approximately ¼ mile to where a blue sign marks the Seboeis Public Lands and the road forks. Continue right 1.7 miles to the boat launch at Seboeis Lake inlet (and two vehicle-access campsites) or, continue left 7 miles to a bridge and the Outlet Stream campsite on Endless Lake.



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FEES

Entrance and camping fees are not charged at this Public Land. Please note: camping is on a first-come, first-served basis here. View online information for all Parks and Lands sites:

- www.parksandlands.com
- Camping at State Parks: www.campwithme.com

CONTACTS

Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands Eastern Public Lands Office 106 Hogan Road, Suite 5 Bangor, ME 04401 Year round: 207-941-4412 www.maine.gov/seboeis www.parksandlands.com	Piscataquis Chamber of Commerce P.O. Box 376 Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426 207-564-7333 www.piscataquischamber.com
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Boat Launch Information - an online sortable listing: www.maine.gov/dacf/boatlaunches



SEBOEIS PUBLIC LANDS

GUIDE & MAP

Remote camping, fishing and boating with impressive views



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Sand Cove Point Campsite

OVERVIEW

Campers, boaters, fishermen and wildlife watchers at the 21,369-acre Seboeis Public Lands enjoy a large expanse of clear water studded by wooded islands and framed in the north by Mt. Katahdin. These Public Lands encompass 95 percent of the Seboeis Lake shoreline, all of Northwest Pond, the southwest shore of Endless Lake, and the entire shoreline of Turtle Pond.

Seboeis is a favorite destination for fishermen throughout the year, providing both cold water and warm water species. Land-locked salmon, splake, white and yellow perch, small mouth bass and chain pickerel are caught in Seboeis and Endless lakes. Brook trout are found in Turtle Pond and several tributary streams that enter Seboeis. In fall, hunters frequent Seboeis Public Lands in search of deer, moose, bear and waterfowl.

Seboeis has 16 campsites, including ones on wooded islands with sandy beaches. Six sites are accessible by vehicle (and one involves a short walk); the others require a boat. The surrounding hills are gently rolling and the lake shoreline has an interesting mix of rocky, boulder-strewn stretches interspersed with sand beaches and secluded coves. Only a few camps (privately leased) can be seen along Seboeis Lake’s 19 miles of shoreline.

Abundant wetlands (primarily at the southern end of Seboeis Lake) and productive fisheries support a diverse array of wildlife. Seboeis Lake has high numbers of nesting loons. Bald eagles, ospreys, belted kingfishers, mergansers and common terns all rely on the lake’s abundant fish as a vital food source. Visitors may spot snowshoe hare, ruffed grouse, coyote, fox, beaver and otter in the vicinity and moose feeding in coves.

Snowmobilers ride ITS 82/83 across the Seboeis Lands south of the lake which connects Brownville to Millinocket or Lincoln. ATV riders enjoy 18 miles of designated trail on shared-use roads within the property linking Brownville to Millinocket. Local and statewide ATV & Snowmobile maps are available. Call the Bureau’s ORV Office at (207) 287-4957.

PROPERTY HISTORY

Paleo-Indians came to this area as the ice sheet retreated 13,000 years ago. Native Americans have lived in the region ever since in close relationship with its land, water and wildlife. European settlers first arrived in the early 1800s, and many were involved in lumbering. Timber harvesting at Seboeis dates back multiple generations, and the current mix of hardwoods and softwoods reflect this history. Mills were located at the outlets of both Endless and Seboeis lakes.

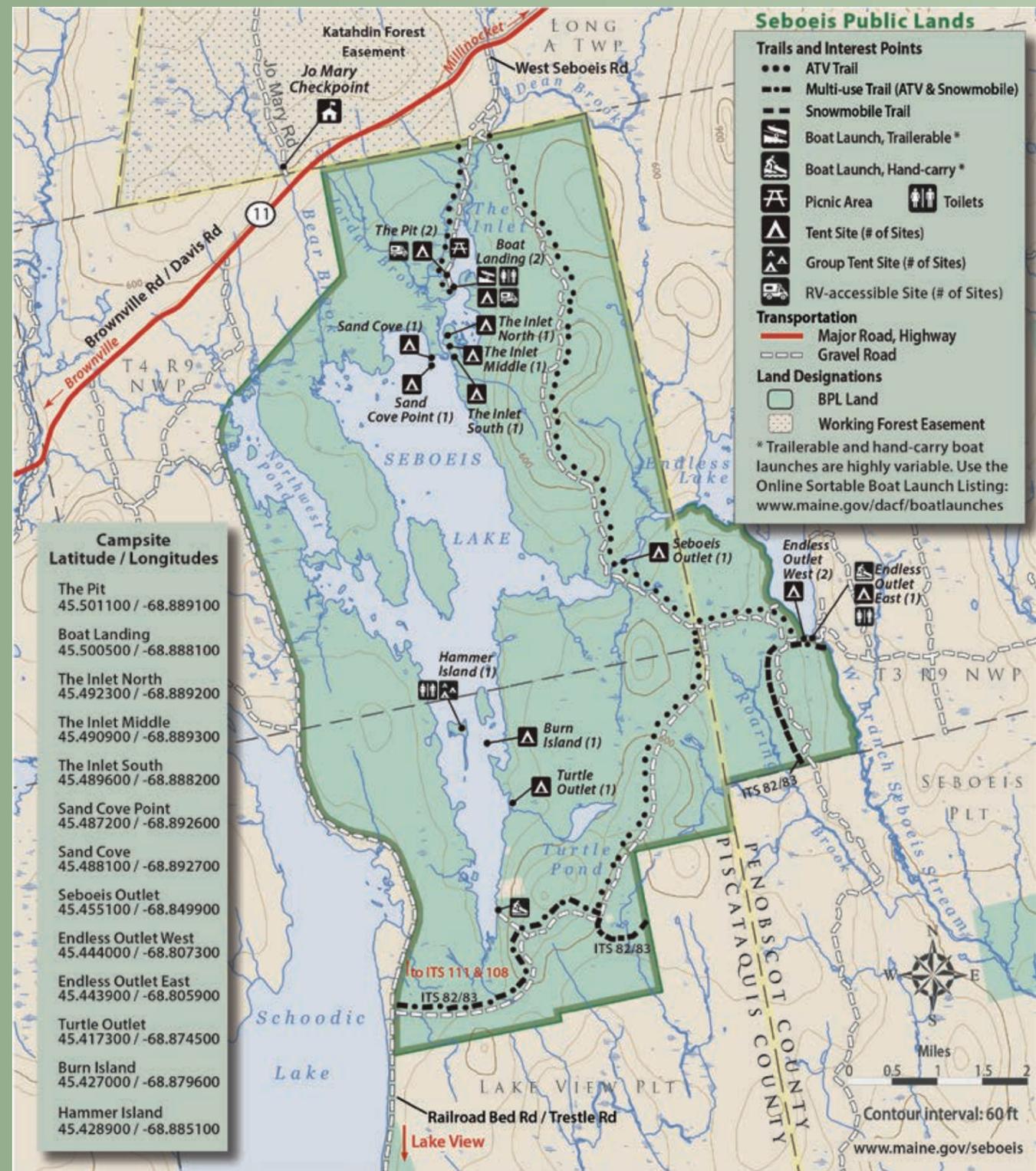
Since 2012, more than 5,000 acres of land have been added to the Seboeis Lands—bringing 99 percent of the lake’s shoreline into public ownership. These acquisitions helped prevent development and subdivisions that would have irrevocably changed the character of this beautiful setting.



TIMBER MANAGEMENT ON PUBLIC LANDS

The Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands (BPL) actively manages its public lands units to achieve multiple sustainable benefits: resource protection, public recreation, wildlife habitat, and marketable forest products (revenues from which help fund public land management). The Bureau employs scientifically based practices to achieve exemplary forest management fostering the health and viability of the landscape ecosystems. BPL’s forest practices are green-certified by two independent auditors: the Forest Stewardship Council™ and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative™. No-harvest zones are regularly established to buffer sensitive natural resources and recreational areas in addition to the Bureau’s ecological reserve system.





TRAILS

Shared-use roads provide access for ATVing, snowmobiling, horseback riding, and mountain biking. Roads that have designated recreational uses are signed as shared-use. These and trails specific to ATV and Snowmobile use are noted on the map. Road users should be prepared to encounter both pedestrians and vehicles. This property does not presently offer formal hiking trails.

VISITOR RULES

- No reservations or fees are required, but camping stays on Maine Public Lands are limited to 14 days in any 45-day period. Bureau of Parks and Lands staff may take custody of any personal property left unattended for more than 3 days (unless advance written permission is given).
- All campsites are available on a first-come first-served basis.
- Open fires are only permitted at authorized campsites with fire rings and do not require fire permits. Do not cut live vegetation. Burn only local wood to help stop spread of invasive insects. FMI: www.maine.gov/forestpests
- Carry out all trash.
- Pets in campsites must be leashed and attended; outside of campsites, pets must be under control.
- Use no chainsaws, generators or other power equipment around campsites.
- Loaded firearms are not permitted in campsites, on marked hiking trails, or at boat launches and picnic sites, and should not be discharged within 300 feet of these areas.
- Any structures that you see on the property are private camps on leased lots. Please respect the privacy of leaseholders and keep away from these areas.



SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Water levels in Seboeis Lake can fluctuate several feet due to dam operations. Please exercise caution when boating as the lake bottom is strewn with large boulders and stumps that may not be visible at the surface. Low water levels may diminish boating opportunities in dry seasons.
- Trailable and hand-carry boat launches are highly variable. Online sortable listing: www.maine.gov/dacf/boatlaunches
- Eurasian Milfoil is an aquatic invasive. Clean all watercraft before they are launched and after retrieval to help stop the spread of this and other aquatic invasives. FMI: www.maine.gov/dep/water/invasives/
- Lake water is cold and winds can arise suddenly creating dangerous conditions for small boats. Be sure to wear a PFD at all times; notify someone of your intended route and time of return; and monitor conditions carefully. Small craft should not attempt lake crossings in windy conditions.
- Don't count on your cell phone in an emergency as coverage is spotty to non-existent.
- The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIFW) Warden Service does search-and-rescue operations and enforces state fish and game laws, boating laws (on inland waters), and ATV and snowmobile laws. To learn more about

applicable laws and to purchase appropriate licenses, visit www.maine.gov/ifw. For ATV and snowmobile trail maps visit www.parksandlands.com or call (207) 287-4957.

- Help stop the spread of invasive forest insects; buy only local firewood. Do not transport out-of-state firewood. FMI: www.maine.gov/forestinvasives
- Be prepared for black flies and mosquitoes, particularly in May and June. While the area is not heavily infested with deer ticks, it is still advisable to check yourself daily to prevent Lyme disease.
- The region's abundant moose, bear and other large animals can create hazards when in close contact with people (or their vehicles). Drive slowly on area roads (particularly at times of low light) and observe wildlife from a safe distance. Keep food items securely stowed when camping and make sure that tents and their contents are free of food and food odors.
- Roads on the Seboeis Lands are not plowed in winter unless harvesting operations are occurring. Winter access is typically via snowmobile or by ski/snowshoe (ungroomed).
- For additional information about ATVing and Snowmobiling contact the Bureau's Off-road Recreational Vehicle Office at (207) 287-4957. Within Maine Only: 1-800-462-1019.

COMMON LOONS

One of the great delights of visiting Seboeis Lake is watching common loons and hearing their remarkable tremolos, hoots, wails and yodels. While it is tempting to get close to loons, keep in mind that human disturbance is one of the greatest threats to loons' breeding success. You can help loons thrive by taking the following actions:

- Enjoy loons from a distance using binoculars.
- Travel slowly in boats (particularly in shallow coves) and avoid known nesting areas. By Maine law, all boats must keep at or under headway speed within 200 feet of shore.
- Give loons extra distance if you note any of the following behaviors: a yodeling call or quavering laugh, a penguin dance ("standing" in place), or lying flat near the shoreline with head down.
- Keep pets on leash when walking along lakeshores.
- Secure garbage so as not to attract skunks and raccoons (which prey on loon eggs and chicks).
- Use lead-free sinkers and jigs: lead poisoning is the leading cause of death for adult loons in Maine. Properly dispose of spent fishing line (which can entangle loons) and carry out any loose monofilament line you find.

Common loons are protected from pursuit, harassment and capture by federal law. Report any concerns to the local Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife warden (207-695-3756 or 1-800-452-4664).

