



Remote or backcountry campsites began opening for camping on May 18. Camping at these sites is for Maine residents and non-residents that have met the mandatory [COVID-19 precautions](#).

What are “remote or backcountry” campsites?

- Located in remote areas including but not limited to [Maine Public Lands](#), the [Allagash Wilderness Waterway](#), and the [North Maine Woods](#) system.
- Equipped with only minimal facilities ranging from no facilities at all up to a fire ring, picnic table, and privy (outhouse).
- Frequently accessed on foot by primitive trails and paths or by water. Drive to access is typical via gravel logging roads or other roads through largely undeveloped areas.
- First-come, first-served with minimal if any interaction with rangers or other staff persons.
- Authorized for campfires or requiring a campfire [permit](#) from the Maine Forest Service. Check maps and other sources for site-specific details.

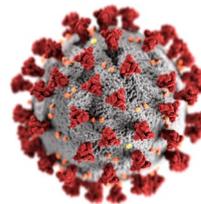


They ARE NOT:

- Part of a commercial campground or State Park campground with amenities such as flush toilets, pressurized water, and electrical hook-ups.
- Reservable, nor are they seasonal. A maximum 14-day stay limit applies to sites (7-day limit on the [Penobscot River Corridor](#)).



Guidelines for Safe Camping: See Page 2



ATTENTION: [Appalachian Trail camping and trail use updates are available at their website.](#)



How can my household safely camp at remote campsites?

Plan Ahead and Prepare

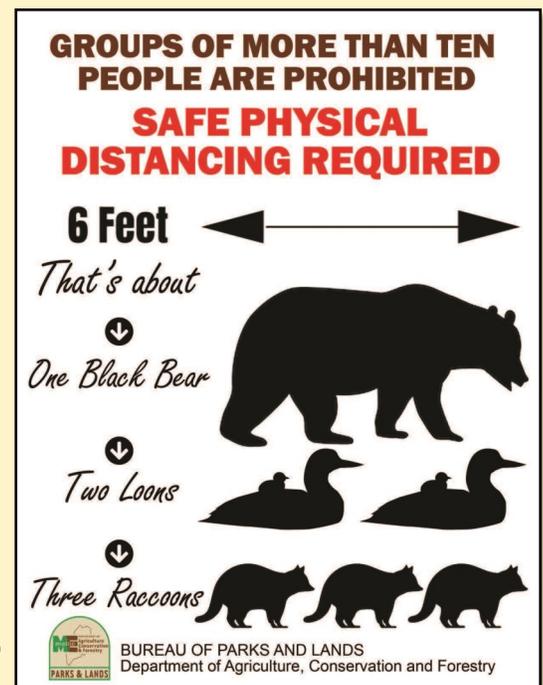
- Check land managers' webpages or contact managers to confirm sites are open before camping.
- Seek camping destinations closer to where you live. Identify alternatives to your desired campsite ahead of time.
- Purchase gas, food, and supplies where you live to minimize your interaction with residents in the communities you may pass through.
- Bring your toilet paper, paper towels, soap, and hand sanitizer. These items are not provided.
- Stay within your comfort and skill zones. Now is not the time to engage in risky, demanding trips with higher degrees of risk and greater likelihood of needing an emergency response.
- Prepare for weather extremes to stay safe. Challenging weather and cold water are common in May. Snow and ice may be encountered in some locations.
- **IF YOU ARE FEELING SICK, STAY HOME.**

Maintain Physical Distancing

- Maintain a minimum of 6' of physical distancing at boat launches, trailheads, or any location other groups or individuals may be encountered.
- Stay separate from other campers at locations where several campsites are clustered at one facility.
- Carry a mask and be prepared to wear it indoors and when physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- Keep dogs on leash and away from others.

Dispose of Your Waste Properly

- Remove all trash from your site. Leaving trash at a site ruins the experience for all and is a health hazard, including for staff tasked with maintenance.
- Recognize that privies may not have been disinfected prior to your use. Frequently wash hands or use hand-sanitizer. Do not put soap into water bodies such as lakes, streams, etc.



Learn More

Backcountry camping on Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands properties: https://www.maine.gov/dacf/parks/camping/backcountry_camping.shtml (207) 441-9152.

Regional contact information for Maine Public Lands: <https://www.maine.gov/dacf/parks/docs/maps/lands-regions-contact-info-map.pdf>

North Maine Woods: <https://www.northmainewoods.org/> (207) 435-6213