**Kennebec & Moose River Valleys Region**

**Directions**
- The Round Top Trailhead is a small parking area located on Watson Pond Road, approximately 9 miles south of Farmington where it intersects with Maine Route 69. It is 7 miles south of Farmington Center.
- The Round Top Trail starts about 0.2 miles beyond the parking area.

**Visitor Rules**

**Collection**
- All cultural objects must be left undisturbed on all State lands. Additionally, collected Corps, Forest Preserves and other designated sites for educational and scientific purposes. Such areas and objects are to be left undisturbed.

**Fires**
- Fires are not allowed.

**Pets**
- Pets must be under control and under constant all times.

**Trash**
- Carry out all trash.

**Fires**
- Although burning is prevented, toasted foods are allowed.

**Hunting**
- Hunting is not allowed on hiking trails.

**Fishing**
- All-fish must be carried in unless you are the only fisher carrying fishing equipment.

**Riders**
- ATVs, horses, bikes, and snowmobiles are permitted only in designated trails.

**Supporters and Supporters**

In 1971, the Belgrade-Lewiston Conservation Alliance was formed with a goal of protecting the land that is now the Belgrade Lakes. Today, the Belgrade Lakes is one of the few remaining intact ecosystems in New England. The Belgrade Lakes is known for its clear, deep waters, and whitefish, brook trout, speckled trout, and lake trout are common in the lakes. The Belgrade Lakes is also known for its recreational opportunities, such as hiking, birding, fishing, and snowmobiling. The Belgrade Lakes is a popular destination for outdoor enthusiasts, and it is a great place to explore the Maine wilderness. The Belgrade Lakes is a great place to visit for those who love the outdoors and want to experience the beauty of Maine's natural landscapes.
Hiking Trails

Please read over the trail descriptions before setting out on a hike and note:

- Trails and Interest Points

- View the Natural Heritage Hike on the Sanders Hill loop at www.maine.gov/dacf/mnap/assistance/hikes/kennebec_highlands.htm. (moderate to strenuous, 8.8 to 9.8 miles roundtrip), was designed as a mountain biking trail, with multi-use opportunities for hiking and snowshoeing. (0.3 mi)

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- Transportation

- Secondary road, Street

- Gravel road

- Parking

- Trailhead

- Round Top Trail (moderate, 3.8 miles roundtrip, 4.4 miles one-way). The Round Top Trail ascends Round Top Mountain (1,120 ft), while steering through a scenic forest of mixed softwoods and hardwoods and overlooks. The trail, marked with blue blazes, leaves the parking lot at a westward direction. Within 0.3 miles it crosses a large slab of granite originally quarried for an old saw mill. At 0.6 miles bear right at a three-way junction, marked by a trail sign. A hundred yards past the junction (just before a Y intersection of a common trail) a rock cairn with a stone map rests on the west side of the logging road marks the Round Top Trail’s initial junction with the Kennebec Highlands Trail. Turn left (south) to follow the Round Top Trail back to the parking lot.

- Access: Trailhead is on Watson Pond Rd. 4 mi. south of Rte 27

- Round Top Drop Trail (moderate, 0.5 miles) leads to the north end of Round Top Mountain and joins the Sanders Hill Trail at a mutual junction. (0.8 mi)

- Round Top Road Trail (moderate, 0.5 miles) heads to the north end of Round Top Mountain and meets with two separate trails. (0.7 mi)

- Round Top Loop Trail (moderate, 0.5 miles) heads to the north end of Round Top Mountain and joins the Sanders Hill Stream Trail at a mutual junction. (1.2 mi)

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- Sanders Hill Trail (moderate, 0.3 miles) leads to the north end of Round Top Mountain and joins the Sanders Hill Stream Trail at a mutual junction. (0.8 mi)

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- Sanders Hill Road Trailhead

- Cross-Country Skiing 

- Kennebec Highlands provides opportunities for primitive, ungroomed cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.

- There are access gates along trails, including the accessible and multi-use trail.

- Snowmobiles may use hiking trails unless otherwise posted.