

The Maine Highlands Region

Directions

From Routes 15/6 in the center of Greenville, head north 9 miles on the Lily Bay Road that follows Moosehead Lake’s east shore to State Park Road (on left).



Lat 45.568853 / Lon -69.538450

Fees

All fees are payable at the Park’s entrance. See online information:

- Fees & Rules: www.maine.gov/dacf/parks/park_passes_fees_rules/index.shtml
- Camping: www.campwithme.com
- Boat Launches - Online Sortable Table: www.maine.gov/dacf/boatlaunches

Contacts

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Northern Parks Region Office
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www.parksandlands.com

Services & Facilities

- 90 well-spaced, wooded and waterfront campsites with fireplaces, tables, interspersed with water spigots & vault toilets
- Swimming beach, picnic area and playground
- Dumping station (no RV hookups)
- Hot showers for campers
- Two trailerable boat launches and boat docks near campsites
- One group site for tent camping
- Groomed cross-country ski trails in winter



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Lily Bay State Park Guide & Map

Outdoor recreation and attractive
campsites by Maine’s largest lake



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Overview

Lily Bay State Park on Moosehead Lake offers waterfront camping at the gateway to Maine’s North Woods—a destination renowned for its outdoor recreation opportunities (from hiking and canoeing to fishing and wildlife watching). Established in 1959, Lily Bay State Park was created primarily from woodland donated to the State by Scott Paper Company. New England’s largest lake, spanning 117 square miles, Moosehead has cool, clear waters and relatively undeveloped shores that make it an appealing destination for boaters, fishermen and vacationers seeking a taste of wilderness. The 925-acre park provides two distinct camping areas bordering the lake with 90 campsites, a swimming beach, playground, two trailerable boat ramps, and a 2-mile, shoreline walking trail.

Points of Interest

Lily Bay State Park lies within The Maine Highlands Region that encompasses Baxter State Park and other notable North Woods attractions in Piscataquis and Somerset Counties. Many outdoor attractions lie within an hour’s drive of the park, some of which are noted here.

Mt. Kineo: This impressive landmark at the centerpiece of Moosehead Lake offers 5 miles of hiking trails and spectacular summit views. Visitors can reach Kineo via a commercial boat shuttle out of Rockwood. See the Bureau of Parks and Lands’ *Moosehead Lake Shoreline Guide* for more details.

Prong Pond: An attractive 427-acre pond, ringed by small mountains, is accessible to canoeists, kayakers, wildlife watchers and fishermen via a trailerable boat launch. The narrow arms

of the pond have interesting bog plants such as insect-eating sundews and pitcher plants. From the Park, go right 1.6 miles, turning left onto the gravel Prong Pond Road, then an immediate right turn onto the road to the boat launch.

Big Moose Mountain (3,196 feet): An open summit on nearby Big Moose Mountain offers spectacular views of the entire Moosehead region. The 3.75-mile hike (allow 4 hours) ascends gradually to a fire warden’s cabin and then steeply to the summit. From Greenville, take Routes 6/15 west approximately 4 miles to North Road on left. Trailhead is on right after 1.2 miles.

Big Spencer Mountain (3,206 feet): The State owns lands surrounding Big Spencer and maintains this area as an Ecological Reserve. A rough 2-mile trail (allow 3 hours roundtrip) leads to the summit offering impressive views of Mt. Katahdin and area lakes. The final ascent is challenging (involving numerous ladders), with a thousand-foot climb in elevation over the last 0.7 miles. From the Park, turn left and continue 8.3 miles past Kokadjo to a dirt road on left just after Bear Brook Campground. The trailhead is on the left after 6.3 miles.

Number 4 Mountain (2,890 feet): For a challenging hiking destination, go left from the Park 8.8 miles and turn right before Kokadjo on the Frenchtown Road (gravel). Go 2.1 miles and turn right (gravel). Go 1.3 miles and turn left (gravel). Go 0.9 miles to trailhead on the left (park 0.1 miles past trailhead on right).

Lazy Tom Bog: For moose-watching, go through Kokadjo (where road changes to dirt). Bear left where sign points to Baxter State Park. Go 1.1 miles and turn left at sign for Spencer Pond Camps. Go 0.5 miles, and stop by small bridge (parking on either side of bridge).

WHEN TO VISIT

Boaters and campers enjoy the Moosehead region through warm weather months, followed by hunters in October and November, and ice fishermen and snowmobilers in mid-winter. Fishing on Moosehead Lake 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.

Lily Bay State Park is open year round 9:00 a.m. to sunset unless otherwise signed at the gate. During the winter, staff grooms 5 miles of cross-country ski and snowshoe trails.

Advance reservations are recommended for this popular campground. For more information or to make a reservation, please call the State Park Reservations Office (800-332-1501— in Maine, 207-624-9950 from outside Maine or visit www.campwithme.com).

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Moosehead Lake water is cold, and winds can arise suddenly and create dangerous conditions for small boats (with waves up to 6 feet). Wear a PFD at all times; notify someone of your intended route and time of return; and monitor conditions carefully (particularly when crossing open waters).
- Moving firewood can transport exotic insects & diseases that threaten forests. Always acquire firewood from a local source. FMI: www.maine.gov/forestpests
- Check yourself for deer ticks daily to prevent Lyme disease.
- Help control the spread of invasive plants and animals by removing aquatic hitchhikers from all boats, paddles, and motors before launching and upon leaving the lake. FMI: www.maine.gov/dep/water/invasives



VISITOR RULES

- Keep pets on leash at all times and do not leave pets unattended.
- Intoxicating beverages are prohibited.
- Observe wildlife from far enough away that they do not change their behavior: do not follow or feed animals.
- Camp only at established sites, many of which can be reserved in advance at www.campwithme.com.
- Quiet in camping areas is required between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Use of generators is permitted between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. if the sound does not bother other visitors.
- All those fishing (age 16 and above for Maine residents and age 12 and above for non-residents) must have a valid license and review the State's open water fishing regulations: www.maine.gov/ifw
- Hunting is not permitted between June 1 and Labor Day at Lily Bay State Park. FMI: www.maine.gov/ifw



TRAILS

A 2-mile walking trail follows the shoreline between the beach and Rowell Cove campground, offering easy terrain and nice views out to Moosehead Lake. The Park offers groomed cross-country ski trails overlooking the lake (and a plowed parking area) during winter months.

PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS

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