Remote reservations are recommended for Lily Bay’s campsites.

**Directions**

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**Settlers and Rusticators**

European settlers first came to the Greenville area in the 1820s, followed by European-American settlers. Rusticators were the first tourists, coming to the lake in the early 1800s. They were followed by visitors who came to the area for the same reasons that people come today — to relax and enjoy the outdoors.

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**Four Seasons of Outdoor Adventure**

The Moosehead Lake region provides diverse recreational opportunities throughout the year. When opportunities are many, here are a few highlights:

- **Spring**: Fishing for landlocked salmon, brook trout, and other game fish. Hiking and biking on some of the best trails in the state.
- **Summer**: Hiking, boating and paddling, camping, swimming, wildlife watching, and fishing make summertime ideal for outdoor enthusiasts.
- **Fall**: The foliage is at its peak, and visitors can enjoy the colors of the leaves as they fall from the trees.
- **Winter**: Cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and ice fishing are popular activities.

**Forestry and Conservation**

Forestry has long been critical to the local economy, and logging remains an essential part of the area’s economy.

**Services & Facilities**

- **In addition to nearby shops and restaurants, Lily Bay State Park has more than 10 other primitive campsites (with fire rings, picnic tables, and pit toilets) located in the woods of Moosehead. Some are located by scenic lakes while others are accessible by foot.

**Contacts**

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**Waterbird Watch**

Birdwatchers visit this area as part of the Maine Birding Trail to see a variety of waterfowl and shorebirds. Many of these birds are migratory, and the area provides an important stopover location for many species.

**Peregrine Falcons**

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Peregrine Falcons are a migratory falcon species, found in many areas of the world. They are found in the Americas and are a common sight in many parts of the United States. Peregrine Falcons are known for their speed and acrobatic abilities, and they are often seen gliding and diving on the cliffs of Mt. Kineo. They are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.
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