

BAXTER STATE PARK

Rules and Regulations

Revision 1974

The Baxter State Park Authority (the "Authority") hereby establishes and adopts the following rules and regulations pursuant to the provisions of Title 12, M.R.S.A. § 903, governing the use of Baxter State Park (the "Park").

1. SEASON: The Park shall be open to the public from May 14 to October 16 of each calendar year. Any use of the Park during the remainder of the year (the "off-season") is prohibited except to the extent expressly permitted by these regulations.

2. FEES: There is no toll or entry fee to the Park. Fees for the use of Park facilities are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Facility Name and Fee. Includes BUNKHOUSE (\$2.00), SHELTER/LEANTOS (\$1.00), TENTING SPACE (\$.75), BOATS OR CANOES (\$.50), WOOD (\$.50), CABINS—Dacey Pond (\$4.00).

All fees include sales tax where applicable. Fees are payable by all persons year round except governmental employees on official business within the Park. No per person charge for children under 6 and therefore minimum rates will apply.

3. OFF-SEASON: All campgrounds are closed during the off-season. Camping, hiking, and climbing in the Park during the off-season are prohibited without a special permit from the Authority. Such special permits may be granted only upon demonstration to the Authority that the applicant(s) for such a special permit are competent, experienced and adequately equipped for the proposed activities in the Park.

4. RESERVATIONS AND REFUNDS: From January 1 to March 31 of the calendar year, reservations will be accepted only from persons domiciled within Maine. After March 31, reservations will be accepted from all persons. All reservations must be made through the Millinocket office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday during the season.

It is recommended that all reservations be made well in advance and must be accompanied by the proper fee. Reservations may be made for up to one week at a specific campground, but not for a specific site at that campground. It is recommended that a request for alternative campgrounds be given at time of making reservations to insure accommodation within the Park.

RESERVATION FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

5. ORGANIZED CAMPER GROUPS: Camper groups from boys and girls camps, as described in Title 12, M.R.S.A., Sec. 2054, as amended, will be assigned facilities at the sole discretion of the Authority for periods not longer than 5 days, excluding Friday and Saturday, and in groups not larger than 10 campers and 2 leaders.

6. GATEHOUSES AND PASSES: All persons entering or leaving the Park by vehicle will be required to stop and register or be identified at one of the gatehouse checkpoints. All hikers must register at the nearest campground. During the season all Park gates shall be closed at 10 p.m. and will open at 6 a.m.

7. TRAFFIC: Within the campground or picnic areas all vehicles shall be left in areas designated for parking. Space for one vehicle shall be designated at each campsite where possible. No unauthorized vehicle shall obstruct a designated campsite parking space.

No person shall operate any vehicle within the limits of the Park in such a manner as to endanger any person or property. No person shall operate any vehicle in any campground, picnic area, or other designated areas in excess of 10 miles per hour, or any other place in the Park in excess of 20 miles per hour.

The Authority may restrict the use of vehicles by persons without camping reservations. Vehicles parked overnight not displaying authorized pass may be towed away at owner's expense.

8. CAMPING: No person shall camp except in authorized areas. Campers in all authorized campgrounds or campsites must register with the ranger and pay fees where required in advance before making camp. Check-in time at a campground must be before 9 p.m., check-out time is 12 noon.

9. FIRES: No person shall build or light fires except at authorized areas and then only in those places provided or designated for such purposes and shall, before leaving such fire, totally extinguish same. "Fires" shall include, without limitation, open fires and gasoline, propane and other types of stoves or heating devices.

No person shall throw away or discard any burning cigarettes, cigars, matches, or any other burning material in the Park. State laws with regard to fire control shall be strictly enforced. Any fire not confined as herein provided shall be reported to the nearest Park ranger at once.

10. WASHING: Washing of the person or articles shall be prohibited in any waters except where expressly authorized.

11. LITTER: No trash or waste shall be deposited or caused to be deposited in any place within the Park other than in official containers or at authorized dumps. All refuse, litter and waste must be packed out of walk-in camping areas.

12. DISTURBANCES: All persons will be orderly in camps, shelters, and campgrounds and must be quiet after 10 p.m. No person shall create a disturbance which unreasonably impairs the enjoyment of the Park by others.

13. CLIMBING OR MOUNTAIN HIKING: Climbing and mountain hiking may be restricted to experienced and well equipped persons during darkness or hazardous weather conditions at the discretion of the supervisor or district rangers. All hikers must wear proper footwear and clothing and should carry a flashlight.

No children under the age of 6 years will be allowed above the timber line except with approval of the Authority.

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I hereby certify that in my opinion the above and foregoing Rules and Regulations are in conformity with the law.

Signature of Attorney General

BAXTER STATE PARK AUTHORITY

Signature of Chairman, Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game

Signature of Director, Bureau of Forestry

Signature of Attorney General



18. VEHICLES: No vehicle with load may exceed an overall height of 9 feet, 7 feet wide, or 22 feet long for a single vehicle or 44 feet for combined units will be allowed to enter the Park except as herein provided.

Oversize commercial vehicles serving private camps, Park facilities or logging operations may be authorized to use the Park road system and will be required to furnish escort at their own expense.

Subject to size limitations of this section, motorized vehicles or camping trailers which are self contained are allowed to enter the Park. "Self contained" is defined as a vehicle or trailer with sink or toilet units. Said sink or toilet units shall not be used within the confines of the Park.

All traffic destined for or returning from the Allagash Wilderness Waterway must go through the Telos and Matagamon gatehouse. No exception to size limitations is allowed for vehicles traveling to and from this area.

19. FISHING: Maine fishing licenses are required and the State angling laws are in effect.

20. FIREARMS AND HUNTING: Hunting, trapping or the use or possession of any firearms, bow and arrow, sling shot, air rifle or pistol within the boundaries of the Park is prohibited. Firearms may be transported through the Park, but must be kept in the car trunk or completely enclosed in a case.

This regulation shall not apply north of Trout Brook and Wadleigh Brook in Township 6, Range 9; in Township 6, Range 10; or Township 2, Range 9 where hunting is allowed under general laws in accordance with Title 12, Chapter 309, M.R.S.A. 1964, as amended.

21. LIQUOR AND DRUGS: General laws of the state pertaining to alcoholic beverages and drugs apply within the confines of the Park.

22. PROPERTY: No person shall deface, paint, damage, mutilate or remove any structure, marker, fauna, flora or any other natural feature of the Park. Possession of paint or marking materials without authorization or the tampering, altering or removal of any signs or markers is prohibited.

23. CLOSED AREAS: During the periods of critical forest fire or other emergency conditions, the Park, or any portion thereof, may be closed at the discretion of the Park Authority and no person shall enter or remain in said closed areas except Park personnel or other law enforcement officers in the line of duty.

24. SPECIAL RESEARCH STUDIES: Request for research studies in ecology, flora, fauna, geology, and other projects such as survival, testing of clothing and mountain climbing equipment must be submitted in writing to the Authority in Augusta, Maine for approval.

Requests for specimen collections will be reviewed in relation to the wilderness preservation concept of the flora and fauna of the Park and the scientific values involved. Approval for such collections may require that specimens shall only become a part of public collections.

25. VIOLATIONS: All persons found guilty of violating the rules shall be punished in accordance with Title 12, Chapter 211, Section 903, M.R.S.A. 1964, as amended, which provides as follows:

"Whoever violates any of the rules and regulations of said park authority, promulgated in conformity with this section, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 and costs or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or by both.

Whoever willfully mutilates, defaces or destroys any structure, monument or marker lawfully erected within the boundaries of said park, or any notice, rule or regulation of said park authority, posted in conformity with this section, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 and costs or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or by both."

In addition to, and not instead of, punishment in accordance with the foregoing provisions, persons violating any of these rules or regulations may be immediately ejected from the Park.

Violation of Park rules and regulations may be grounds for revocation by the Authority of Park privileges.