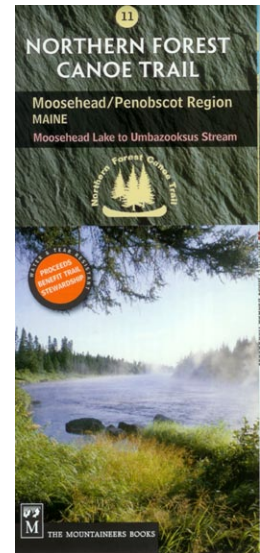


Route Overview

This section is characterized by dramatic features and a rich history. Moosehead Lake is the largest lake in Maine, boasting the striking Mt. Kineo. Thoreau traveled this section of the NFCT, writing of his trip in *The Maine Woods*, including his trip on the Katahdin steamship, which still provides cruises in summer. The Northeast Carry was used for centuries by Abenaki and early white settlers to access the West Branch Penobscot River. In the historic Chesuncook Village on Chesuncook Lake – accessible only by boat or float plane – paddlers will find amenities to ease their trip through the wilderness.



Northern Forest Canoe Trail: Section 11 Moosehead Lake to Umbazooksus Stream

Section Overview:

- ▶ 45 miles of paddling
- ▶ From the vastness of Moosehead Lake, to the historic traverse on the West Branch of the Penobscot, to the remote Chesuncook Lake, this section is both accessible and wild. Wildlife viewing and birding opportunities, as well as opportunities for longer expeditions.
- ▶ Primary bodies of water include:
 - Moosehead Lake
 - West Branch of the Penobscot River
 - Chesuncook Lake
 - Umbazooksus Stream
- ▶ Route passes through Rockwood, with a spur down to Greenville, and Chesuncook Village. Includes the storied Northeast Carry at the divide between Moosehead Lake and the West Branch.

Suggested Trips and Durations:

- ▶ ½ day: Rockwood to Kineo, crossing Moosehead Lake.
- ▶ 1-2 days: Rockwood to Greenville, spur trail south on Moosehead Lake.
- ▶ 3-4 days: Rockwood to Lobster Stream (lake and river paddling, one portage).
- ▶ 5-6 days: Rockwood to Umbazooksus Stream (lake and river paddling, one portage).