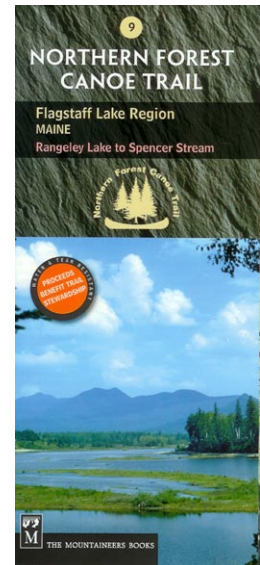


Route Overview

The shallow waters of Flagstaff Lake cover three frontier communities that were flooded in Maine's quest for reliable water flow to generate electricity for the state. The Bigelow Preserve borders the lake, its 36,000 acres of undeveloped, protected ridgeline towering over the southern side of the lake. The Appalachian Trail crosses the top. Grand Falls is a spectacular area attraction, with 30-foot falls on Dead River.



Northern Forest Canoe Trail: Section 9 Rangeley Lake to Spencer Stream

Section Overview:

- ▶ 52 miles of paddling
- ▶ This section follows the Dead River from its shallow, seasonal South Branch, across the flooded expanse of Flagstaff Lake, and through the marshes and flatwater above the spectacular Grand Falls to take out at Spencer Stream.
- ▶ Primary bodies of water include:
 - South Branch Dead River
 - Flagstaff Lake
 - Dead River
- ▶ Route passes through Rangeley and Stratton.

Suggested Trips and Durations:

- ▶ 1-2 days: Rangeley to Flagstaff Lake (Some whitewater after initial segment, and sections of the South Branch are not passable at low water – check with local guides)
- ▶ 2 days: West end Flagstaff Lake to Long Falls Dam (lake paddling)
- ▶ ½ day: Long Falls Dam to Spencer Stream (variable water levels on river, one portage around Grand Falls)
- ▶ 1 day, roundtrip: Long Falls Dam to Grand Falls (variable water levels on river)