

TRIP 7

ALLAGASH WILDERNESS WATERWAY LAKES



TRIP AT A GLANCE

- ☐ NFCT Map 12:
Allagash Region South
- ☐ Option 1: 4 lakes, 1 pond
- ☐ Option 2: 5 lakes,
1 pond, 1 river
- ☐ 31.5 – 43.5 miles
- ☐ 1 portage

Trip Description

Starting at the southern end of Chamberlain Lake and paddling to Churchill Dam, this 31.5 to 43.5 mile section is a part of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway that travels primarily through lakes. These lakes provide great opportunities for swimming, fishing and exploring. The Allagash Wilderness Waterway is a federally recognized and state administered Wild and Scenic River known for its beautiful scenery and wonderful campsites. Along the way, groups have the opportunity to see wildlife, views of Katahdin, and historic tramway cars from the logging era. This trip has one portage of 0.1 miles.

Suggested Itineraries

Due to its size, Chamberlain Lake has the potential for strong winds and high waves which can make paddling difficult and dangerous. Paddling on the west shore is recommended. Be sure to keep your group close together when making lake crossings and try to take the shortest crossing possible.

| Option 1 | DAY 1 | DAY 2 | DAY 3 | DAY 4 |
|------------------------|--|---|--|---|
| START Day At | Chamberlain Bridge Boat Launch | Gravel Beach | Breezy Point | Scofield Point |
| END Day At | Gravel Beach | Breezy Point | Scofield Point | Churchill Dam Boat Launch |
| MILEAGE | 6 | 9 | 12.5 | 4 |
| NOTES | Mileage can include travel or you can camp at sites near Ranger Station. | Portage Lock Dam (0.1 mi). Crossing the lake can be windy, cross at the shortest point possible. | Option to stop at the Tramway carry to look at the trains. | You can camp at Churchill Dam take out if needed. |

| Option 2 | DAY 1 | DAY 2 | DAY 3 | DAY 4 | DAY 5 |
|------------------------|--|---|--|---|---|
| START Day At | Chamberlain Bridge Boat Launch | Gravel Beach | Breezy Point | Jaws | Chisholm Brook |
| END Day At | Gravel Beach | Breezy Point | Jaws | Chisholm Brook | The Thoroughfare |
| MILEAGE | 6 | 9 | 15 | 8.5 | 5 |
| NOTES | Mileage can include travel or you can camp at sites near Ranger Station. | Portage Lock Dam (0.1 mi). Crossing the lake can be windy, cross at the shortest point possible. | Option to stop at Tramway carry to look at the trains. | Run Chase Rapids, a series of Class II rapids that is best after the 8am dam release. | Short day to include travel. Camping not allowed at Thoroughfare takeout. |

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Camping Information

The Allagash Wilderness Waterway has its own set of rules, regulations and fees to preserve its wilderness characteristics. Groups are limited to 12 people and visitors must obtain a permit and pay land use fees before entering the waterway. This can be done by stopping at a North Maine Woods checkpoint or checking in with an Allagash Wilderness Waterway ranger. Camping is allowed only at designated sites and campsites are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

More information on campsite fees can be found at:

[Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands Campground Fees](#)

Northern Forest Canoe Trail: [North Maine Woods & Allagash Wilderness Waterway Camping Fees](#)

Shuttle Information

Pelletier's Campground [Website](#)

(207) 398-3187

Mobile: (207) 834-6118

Email: pellcamp@fairpoint.net

- Call for shuttle rates
- Campground, transportation rates, Pelletier Campground, St. Francis, Maine

Allagash Guide Service [Website](#)

(207) 398-3418

Email: allaguide@gmail.com

- Call or fill out a form on their website for rates. Both transportation and shuttle services are offered.
- Allagash River canoe trips, shuttles and transportation

Other Resources

National Geographic Map 401: [Allagash Wilderness Waterway South](#)

AWWF: [Allagash Explorer](#)

Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands: [Allagash Wilderness Waterway Conditions and Alerts](#)

Allagash Wilderness Waterway [Natural History Guide](#)

Allagash Wilderness Waterway [Guide and Map](#)