

TRIP 4

MOOSE RIVER

JACKMAN LANDING TO MOOSEHEAD LAKE-ROCKWOOD LANDING



TRIP AT A GLANCE

- ☐ NFCT Map 10:
Greater Jackman Region
- ☐ 3 lakes, 1 river
- ☐ 36 miles
- ☐ 2 – 3 portages

Trip Description

This 36-mile section connects the towns of Jackman and Rockwood via the Moose River and a series of lakes. This trip follows largely undeveloped shoreline, giving paddlers great wildlife viewing opportunities and gorgeous views of Mt. Kineo as you get closer to Rockwood. Groups will be able to run a handful of Class I- II rapids. There is a 0.3-mile portage and a section of technical whitewater that requires a 3-mile portage if not running it. *This section has some long travel days on windy lakes and a portion that requires strong whitewater skills or the ability to do a 3-mile portage. Recommended for experienced groups.*

Suggested Itinerary

FOR EXPERIENCED GROUPS ONLY

Campsites on Little Brassua and Brassua Lake, other than Island Campsite south of Poplar Hill, require fire permits. Call Maine Forest Service (800) 750-9777 to obtain.

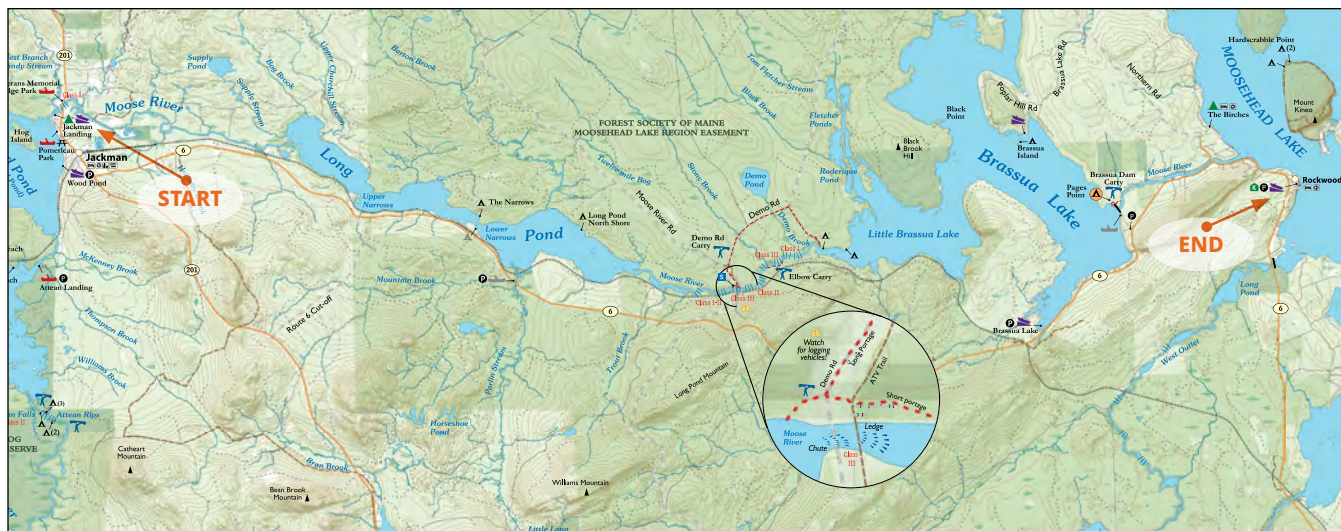
	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4
START Day At	Jackman Landing	Lower Narrows Campsite on Long Pond	Campsite on West Shore of Little Brassua Lake	Brassua Island Campsite
END Day At	Lower Narrows Campsite on Long Pond	Campsite on West Shore of Little Brassua Lake	Brassua Island Campsite	Rockwood Landing
MILEAGE	11	10 (+ portage)	6	6
NOTES	Long mileage day. You can plan to stay in Jackman the night before or otherwise plan to be on the water early. You can reserve a site and launch from Jackman Landing Campground and Cabins the night before if needed. Long Pond can get windy. Stay as close to the shore as possible.	Both lakes can get windy. Stay as close to the shore as possible. Between Long Pond and Demo Bridge there are several Class I-II rapids. Pull out river left up-stream of Demo Bridge at the painted river rock gauge and choose to scout and run the rapids (Class III, some Class II) or portage* (3.4 miles). Rapids in this section are recommended only for experienced paddlers! The first drop is a Class IV that must be portaged. From the map: "Paddlers who choose to run this section should have solid Class III skills and the ability to boat, scout and maneuver quickly; swims will be long."	Navigation across Little Brassua and Brassua Lake can be difficult until you catch sight of the dam. Lakes can get windy. Stay as close to the shore as possible.	Portage Brassua Dam (0.3 mi). Make sure to put in below the eddy, otherwise boats can get sucked up into the hole at the base of the dam. At most water levels are Class I riffles after the dam.

* **Demo Road Carry** (3.4 miles) to avoid rapids: Follow graded (wheelable) logging roads for 2.4 miles watching for logging trucks, who have the right-of-way. At the 2.4-mile mark, turn right to follow a logging lane for 0.75 mile. The last 0.3-mile path (not easily wheeled) leads through the woods to the river put-in. If running rapids, **Demo Bridge Carry** (0.1 mile) to avoid the most difficult Class III-IV rapids, ledges, and hydraulics appearing under the two bridges, then **Elbow Carry** (0.3 mile) following a rough trail river-right, by Stony Brook rapids.

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Camping Information

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Jackman Landing Campground and Cabins

(207) 668-3301

Shuttle Information

Cry of the Loon

(207) 668-7808

Cell: (207) 349-0389

Northwoods Outfitters

(888) 223-1380

- Fill out a form on their website or call.