

TRIP 5

MOOSEHEAD LAKE

ROCKWOOD LANDING TO NORTHWEST CARRY



TRIP AT A GLANCE

- ☐ **NFCT Map 11:**
Moosehead/
Penobscot Region
- ☐ **1 lake**
- ☐ **15.7 miles**
- ☐ **0 portages**

Trip Description

This trip travels through a section of Moosehead Lake, the largest lake in Maine at nearly 40-miles long. This section allows paddlers to explore one of Maine's top backcountry destinations. While they travel north, paddlers will be able to take in Moosehead's massive grandeur and have the opportunity to camp under Mt. Kineo. Wildlife viewing opportunities include nesting loons and Peregrine falcons. This section has no portages and no rapids, and can be completed in either direction.

Suggested Itinerary

Although the mileage on this trip might seem short, traveling is not likely to be quick and easy. Moosehead Lake is known for its winds and the chop can build up quickly. Winds tend to come out of the north-west, but weather and conditions can change rapidly. Be sure to stay as close to shore as possible and travel close together.

Fire permits vary by campsite.

Call Maine Forest Service (800) 750-9777 to obtain.

	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4
START Day At	Rockwood Public Landing	Hardscrabble Point	Kelly's Wharf	Seboomook Point
END Day At	Hardscrabble Point	Kelly's Wharf	Seboomook Point	Seboomook Wilderness Campground
MILEAGE	3.5	3.5	6	2.7
NOTES	Hardscrabble campsites are on the Carriage trail, giving your group the option to hike Mt. Kineo.	Cross North Bay to the former location of Dear Head Farm, then follow the eastern shoreline up to Kelly's Wharf. Note that Kelly's Wharf is also accessible by car.	Cross from Kelly's Wharf to Toe of the Boot and follow the western shore.	Your group can stay at the campground (make reservations ahead of time) or you can travel back the day of your trip. Alternatively, you can take out at Northeast Carry and travel back the day of your trip.

Note: If prevailing winds are strong, trip can be reversed beginning from Seboomook Point and ending at Rockwood Public Landing.

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Camping Information

Camping on Moosehead Lake is first-come, first-served. There are no fees and no reservations required, but campsites on Moosehead are limited to 12 people.

There are two types of campsites in this area: Authorized Sites and Designated Fire Permit Sites. Fire permits are not required at Authorized Sites, which are equipped with metal fire rings. Designated Fire Permit Sites require fire permits, which can be obtained at no cost from the Maine Forest Service by calling (800) 750-9777. Only a handful of sites along this section of trail require fire permits; check with Maine Forest Service for a current list. Burn only dead and downed wood.

If you are ending your trip in Northwest Cove, and choosing to stay at Seboomook Wilderness Campground, reserve your site ahead of time. Campsites at the campground are based on an occupancy of two, and there is an additional fee for more people.

Seboomook Wilderness Campground

Online reservations: [Seboomook Wilderness Campground](#)

(207) 280-0555

Email: seboomookwilderness@gmail.com

Shuttle Information

[Northwoods Outfitters](#)

(888) 223-1380

- Fill out a form on their website or call.

Other Resources

[Mt. Kineo State Park](#)