

APPENDIX D5. BAXTER STATE PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS (EXCERPTS)

Seasons. Baxter State Park is open for general use from 15 May to 15 October. From 15 October to December 1, and from 1 April to 15 May, the Park is open for day use. From 1 December to 1 April, camping, climbing, and mountain hiking are allowed only by special use permit, for which application must be made to Park Headquarters in Millinocket at least two weeks in advance.

Camping. Fees are charged for the use of all shelters and tent space. Camping is permitted only in authorized campgrounds. All persons entering or leaving the Park by way of the Appalachian Trail must register at the Katahdin Stream Campground. All groups of five or more persons under 16 years of age must be accompanied by a responsible adult of at least 18 years of age for each five minors. All camping parties of 13 persons or more shall be required to use group areas when they are available.

Fires. "No person shall build, light, or maintain fires except at authorized areas and then only in those places provided or designated for such purposes. Each person shall, before leaving such fire, totally extinguish same. 'Fires' shall include, without limitation, open fires and all types of stoves or heating devices fueled by gasoline or propane. At Chimney Pond Campground, no person other than an authorized Park Ranger shall build or light an open fire. Only portable stoves are permitted. No person shall throw away or discard any burning cigarettes, cigars, matches, or any other burning material in the Park.

Washing. "Washing of the person or articles shall be prohibited in any waters, except where expressly authorized."

Litter. Baxter State Park's litter policy is "Carry In/Carry Out". No trash containers are provided in the Park.

Bears. "No person shall feed any bear within the Park."

Disturbances. "All persons will be orderly in camps, shelters and campgrounds and must be quiet after 10:00 p.m. No person is allowed to create a disturbance which impairs the enjoyment of the Park by others."

Climbing or mountain hiking. "Climbing and mountain hiking may be restricted at the discretion of the director, or other such persons authorized by the Authority. All hikers must wear reasonably appropriate footwear and clothing and carry a working flashlight. No children under the age of 6 years will be allowed above the timberline."

Pets. No pets or other domestic animals are allowed in the Park.

Fishing, hunting, and trapping. Fishing is allowed. A Maine fishing license is required. Hunting and trapping are prohibited in those areas of the Park through which the Appalachian Trail passes.

Closed areas. "During periods of critical fire danger, or other emergency conditions, as they are determined to exist by the Authority, the Authority may in the exercise of their sole discretion, close the Park, or any portion thereof. No person shall enter or remain in said closed areas, except such persons as may be authorized to enter by the Authority."

Special research studies. "Request for research studies in ecology, flora, fauna, geology and in other projects such as survival, testing of clothing and mountain climbing equipment, must be submitted in writing to the Authority for approval."

Violations. "All persons found guilty of violating the rules shall be punished in accordance with Title 12, Chapter 211, Section 903, M.R.S.A., 1964, as amended...In addition, persons violating any of these rules or regulations shall, upon request, be required immediately to leave the Park. For violations of these regulations the Authority may revoke, for such term as it deems reasonable, the privilege of any person to enter the Park. Entry after such revocation will be considered to be trespass."

HIKING REGULATIONS ESTABLISHED 18 OCTOBER 2000

Baxter State Park Procedures for Class I, II, and III Hiking Days

1. The P.M. Park Ranger will meet with AT hikers at the campsites on the West Branch of the Penobscot River near Abol Bridge.
2. P.M. Ranger informs AT hikers of AT trail conditions/class day and no camping in BSP.
3. BSP transportation is available at Abol Bridge at 8 A.M. to Katahdin Stream trailhead (Class I-II days) for those climbing the AT to Baxter Peak.
4. BSP transportation is available from Katahdin Stream (6 P.M.) to return AT hikers to AT campsites on the West Branch of the Penobscot River.
5. Transportation at 8 A.M. (for those hikers who have completed the AT to Baxter Peak from Katahdin Stream the previous day) will be provided AT hikers to go south from Katahdin Stream to Daicey Pond to Abol Bridge.

Procedures for Class IV Days

1. Class IV days October and November 2000 the P.M. Park Ranger will meet with AT hikers at AT campsite on West Branch of Penobscot River near Abol Bridge.
2. P.M. Ranger informs AT hikers that all trails on Katahdin are closed at all trailheads.
3. BSP may:
 - a. Make transportation available to Millinocket.
 - b. Make transportation available at Katahdin Stream Campground to Millinocket at 6 P.M.