

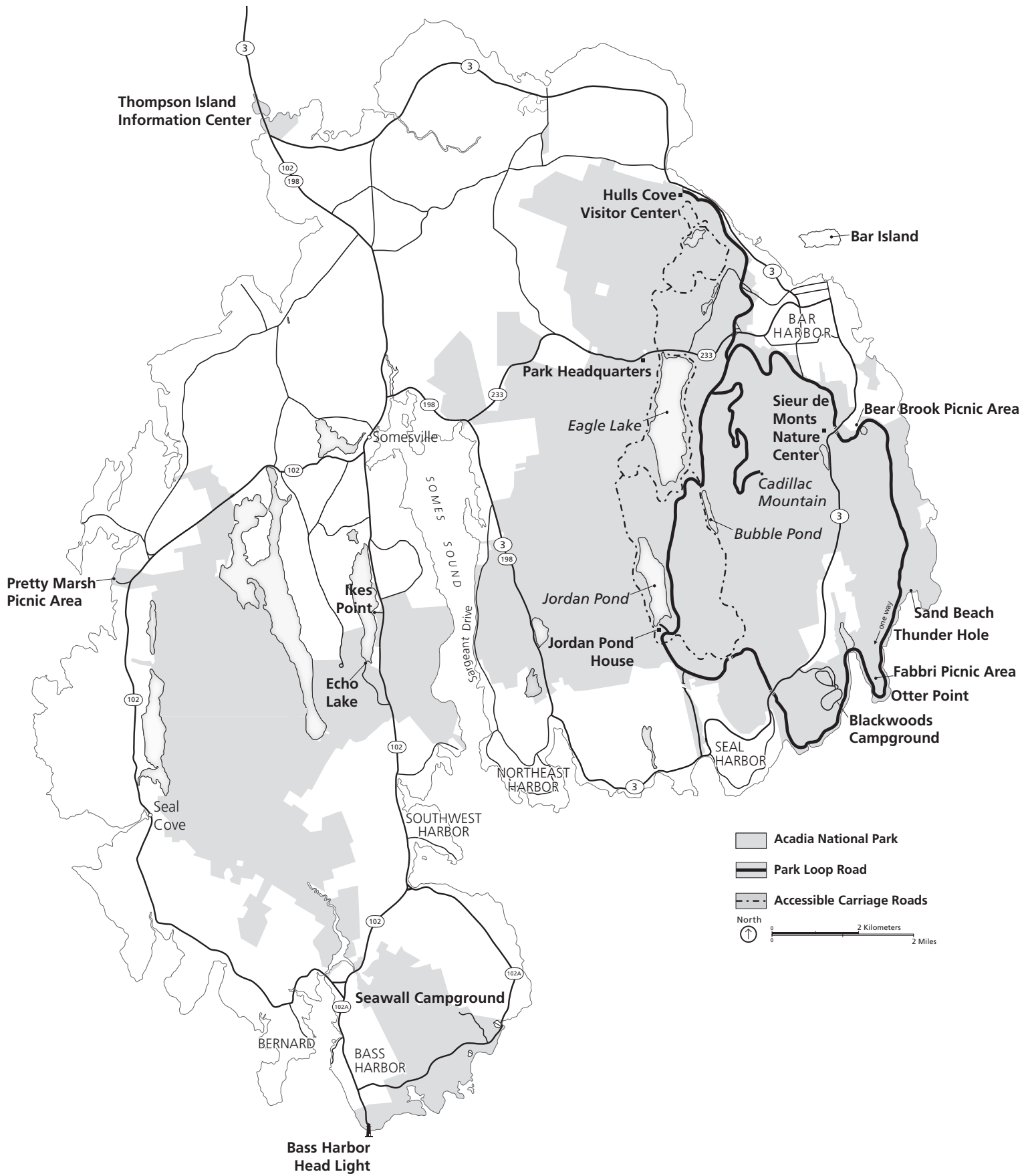


Accessibility Guide

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Map of Popular Park Locations



General Information



Entrance Fees

U.S. citizens or permanent residents who are permanently disabled are eligible for the Interagency Access Pass. This free, lifetime admission pass is valid at National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, US Fish and Wildlife Service, US Forest Service, and Bureau of Reclamation sites.

- Must be obtained in person with valid identification
- Does not cover or reduce special recreation permit fees or fees charged by concessioners
- Available at where park fees are collected and online; admits pass owner and passengers in a private vehicle

For information www.nps.gov/fees_passes.htm



Service Animals

Service animals must be leashed at all times. They are allowed in all park facilities and on all park trails unless closed by order of the superintendent. However, some park trails are very steep and may require the use of iron rung ladders. These trails should be avoided:

- Beech Cliff Trail (from Echo Lake)
- Beehive Trail
- Cadillac Mountain West Face Trail (from Bubble Pond)
- Jordan Cliff Trail
- Ladder Trail to Dorr Mountain
- Perpendicular Trail (Mansell Mountain)
- Precipice Trail

For Your Health

Air Quality

Air pollution produced in eastern states is often carried into Maine by the wind. Park staff monitor ozone levels and issue ozone advisories if levels are dangerous to people with respiratory conditions. Information (207) 288-3338.



Medical Information

Call 911 for emergency medical, police assistance, or to report accidents or injuries.

Mount Desert Island Hospital
10 Wayman Lane, Bar Harbor, ME 04609
(207) 288-5081 www.mdihospital.org

Eastern Maine Medical Center
489 State Street, Bangor, ME 04402
(207) 973-7000 www.emmc.org

Maine Coast Memorial Hospital
50 Union Street, Ellsworth, ME 04605
(207) 664-5311 www.mcmhospital.org

Physical and Mobility Resources



Getting Around

Island Explorer free shuttle buses operate daily June 23–Columbus Day connecting Acadia National Park to neighboring village centers. Buses are accessible. Schedules are available at visitor information centers and on the Island Explorer.
www.exploreacadia.com.



Parking

Designated accessible spaces are marked with the international access symbol. These are reserved for vehicles displaying an accessibility placard or license plate.

Accessible Facilities and Areas



Visitor Centers

Hulls Cove Visitor Center, off ME 3

Open April 15–October

Follow signs for accessible parking lot and entrance. Accessible entrance, restrooms, and theater.

Park Headquarters, ME 233

Open 8 am–4:30 pm

weekdays: January–February and April 15–October

daily: November–December (except Thanksgiving, December 24-25),
March–April 14

Accessible entrance, parking, restrooms, and water fountain.

Rockefeller Welcome Center

Schoodic Education and Research Center

Limited hours, please call ahead: 207-288-1310

Accessible entrance, parking, and restrooms.

Sieur de Monts Nature Center

Open weekends in May, daily June–Columbus Day

Accessible entrance, parking, and restrooms; access to flat, hard-packed trails.

Thompson Island Information Center

Open seasonally

Park information available and directories for local businesses and chambers of commerce. Accessible entrance, parking, and restrooms.

Physical and Mobility Resources continued



Beaches

Echo Lake

Accessible parking, restrooms, changing rooms, and path to water.

Sand Beach

Accessible parking, restrooms, and changing rooms. Thirty-one steps make the beach inaccessible for wheelchair users.



Campgrounds

Blackwoods Campground

Blackwoods has 12 accessible drive-in sites. RV sites have a 35-foot (10.7 m) maximum. Reservations are recommended May–October.
(877) 444-6777, www.recreation.gov

Seawall Campground

Seawall is open from late May through September. This campground has the following accessible sites:

- three RV, 35-foot (10.7 m) maximum
- five drive-in
- five walk-in
- one group site

For reservations: (877) 444-6777, www.recreation.gov



Picnic Areas

The following all have accessible parking, restrooms, grills, and picnic tables.

Bear Brook Picnic Area

Some level sites.

Pretty Marsh Picnic Area

Rough terrain beyond the picnic site.

Fabbri Picnic Area

Paved walkway leading to picnic tables.

Seawall Picnic Area

One accessible picnic site. All others are on uneven terrain.

Frazer Point Picnic Area

Schoodic Peninsula

Several level, grassy sites.

Thompson Island Picnic Area

Assistance is needed to reach sites.

Physical and Mobility Resources continued



Stores and Restaurant Within the Park

Cadillac Summit Center

Open seasonally. Accessible entrance, parking, and restrooms.

Jordan Pond House

Open seasonally. Restroom in restaurant.

Eastern National Bookstore

Hulls Cove Visitor Center

Follow signs to accessible parking lot.

Open April 15–October. An elevator and accessible restrooms available.

Thunder Hole Information Station

Open seasonally. Assistance may be required to enter the information station. Accessible parking and restrooms; outdoor vault toilet without running water.

Activities



Trails

Hemlock Path

Accessible from the Wild Gardens of Acadia, the trail begins to the right of the parking lot entrance and meanders through woodlands for 1.5 miles (2.4 km) round-trip.

Jesup Path

Accessible from Sieur de Monts area, the boardwalk path navigates through a white birch forest. Note: The path is wide enough for a single wheelchair and there are few pullouts that allow for passing or turning around.

Intertidal Zone

The best access to an intertidal zone is on the gravel bar between Bar Island and Bar Harbor. Access via Bridge Street in Bar Harbor. Automobiles may be driven onto the gravel bar, which is only exposed 1–1.5 hours either side of low tide. The road to the bar is steep, rocky, and uneven.

Jordan Pond

Parking can be found in the north lower lot of the Jordan Pond area. Some paths are accessible and offer beautiful views of the pond and connections to the carriage roads.



Carriage Roads

The two easiest roads are listed on the following page. Others tend to be steeper and slightly uneven, with sections of loose gravel. Extended use of the carriage roads depends on ability and endurance. Carriage roads are shared usage with horses, bicycles, and pedestrians. Check with park staff for specific routes.

Physical and Mobility Resources continued

Carriage roads continued

Eagle Lake and Witch Hole Pond

Parking area on ME 233 has accessible restrooms and parking. To the north, the carriage road leads toward Witch Hole Pond, 5.3 miles (8.5 km) round-trip. To the south, under the stone bridge, the carriage road loops around Eagle Lake, 6 miles (9.7 km) round-trip. There is a steep hill at the southwest end of the lake.

Bubble Pond

The parking area on Park Loop Road has accessible restrooms and parking. The carriage road near the parking lot goes along the shore of Bubble Pond.



Other Sites of Interest

Cadillac Mountain

Access a portion of the park's highest summit for scenic views of Frenchman Bay and the Porcupine Islands along this short accessible trail.

Schoodic Point

Scenic views at Schoodic Point are accessible from the parking lot.

Thunder Hole

Park in the right lane of Park Loop Road or upper parking area near the restrooms and accessible walkway. A ramp leads to the upper viewing area.

Wildwood Stables

Two wheelchair-accessible horse-drawn carriages each accommodate two passengers using wheelchairs with up to four additional passengers. Tour prices vary. Open late-May to mid-October. (877) 276-3622



Park Ranger Programs

Ranger-led activities are offered from mid-May to mid-October. Check with park staff regarding details of specific programs. Accessible activities are listed in seasonal ranger program schedules, available at information centers and online: www.nps.gov/acad/planyourvisit/events.htm.



Ranger-led Boat Cruises

Park rangers narrate privately operated boat cruises. Accessibility and prices vary. Boarding is easiest at high tide when the slopes of the boat ramps are less steep. Participants can remain in their wheelchairs. For reservations and information about accessibility, contact the boat operators in advance. Activities are listed in seasonal ranger schedules, available at information centers and online: www.nps.gov/acad/planyourvisit/events.htm.

Physical and Mobility Resources continued



Scenic Driving Areas

Park Loop Road

Park Loop Road provides great views right from the car. Ocean Drive winds along the coast from Sand Beach to Otter Cove and has some of the most iconic Acadia views. Cadillac Mountain Road provides access to the top of Cadillac Mountain and sweeping vistas at the highest point on the eastern seaboard.

Sargeant Drive

For superb views of Somes Sound, a fjord, enjoy scenic Sargeant Drive.

Schoodic Drive

Approximately an hour's drive from Mount Desert Island, the road through Schoodic Peninsula is especially beautiful as it follows the coastline.

Resources for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing



Park Ranger Programs

If you would like to attend a park ranger program and need an ASL interpreter, please contact the park at least three weeks in advance: acadia_information@nps.gov. Activities are listed in seasonal ranger program schedules, available at information centers and online: www.nps.gov/acad/planyourvisit/events.htm.



Assistive Listening Devices

To amplify voice and improve understanding during park programs, personal assistive listening devices are available by advance reservation. (207) 288-8832, acadia_information@nps.gov.



Park Orientation Video

Enjoy a 15-minute open captioned narrative of the park at Hulls Cove Visitor Center.

Resources for the Blind and Low Vision



Park Orientation Video

Enjoy a 15-minute narrative of the park at the Hulls Cove Visitor Center. Audio description is available for check out at the information desk.

Audio Tour

CDs of a 56-mile (90 km) audio tour, which includes Park Loop Road and Somes Sound may be purchased at Hulls Cove Visitor Center.