



Isle au Haut



Rules and Regulations

- The possession, destruction, removal, or disturbance of park property or natural resources is prohibited.
- Accidents must be reported to park rangers if property damage or personal injury are involved.
- Fishing is permitted in accordance with Maine law. A state license is required for freshwater fishing.
- The possession or use of fireworks or firecrackers is prohibited.
- Hunting and trapping are prohibited.

Island History

“High Island” is the name given by Samuel Champlain during his explorations of the Maine coast in 1604. Although shell heaps along the island’s shores tell of an American Indian presence long before Champlain’s arrival, it wasn’t until the end of the American Revolution that farmers, fishermen, and boat builders came to the island in large numbers. In the 1880s a small summer community was established, attracted by agreeable weather and idyllic scenery.

In 1943, heirs of the founder of that community donated portions of Isle au Haut to the federal government as part of Acadia National Park. Because of their generosity, much of the island’s beauty is now yours to experience and enjoy.

Half of Isle au Haut is federal park land. The other half is privately owned, with summer residents and a year-round fishing community.

For More Information

www.nps.gov/acad

Emergencies call 911

Duck Harbor Campground Services

Camping is permitted in designated sites only and reservations are required. Five sites are available at Duck Harbor May 15–October 15. Reservations are accepted by mail only. To download a reservation request form, visit: www.nps.gov/acad/planyourvisit/camping.htm

Plan Your Trip

Bicycling

There are five miles (8 km) of paved roads and seven miles (11 km) of rough, unpaved roads on the island. Mountain bikes are recommended. Bicycles are prohibited on hiking trails. The ferry charges an additional fee to transport bicycles to and from the Isle au Haut Town Landing only.

Hiking

Eighteen miles (29 km) of trails offer opportunities to explore rocky shorelines, wooded uplands, marshes, bogs, and a mile-long (1.6 km) freshwater lake. Be prepared for rough trails. Bring adequate footgear, warm clothing, and raingear. Duck Harbor provides the best starting point for hiking. Temperatures on island average 10°F (5°C) cooler than the mainland.

Trail Information

Name	One-Way Distance	Time/Difficulty
Bowditch Cliff	2 miles (3.2 km)	1.5 hours, moderate
Deep Cove	0.7 miles (1.1 km)	45 minutes, moderate
Duck Harbor	0.2 miles (0.3 km)	5 minutes, easy
Duck Harbor Mtn	3.8 miles (6.1 km)	2 hours, moderate
Eben’s Head	1.2 miles (1.9 km)	1.5 hours, difficult
Goat	0.8 miles (1.3 km)	30 minutes, easy
Long Pond	2.1 miles (3.4 km)	1.25 hours, moderate
Median Ridge	3 miles (4.8 km)	2 hours, moderate
Nat Merchant	1.8 miles (2.9 km)	1 hour, easy
Western Head	1.1 miles (1.8 km)	45 minutes, easy
	1.3 miles (2.1 km)	1.25 hours, moderate

There are no private campgrounds on Isle au Haut. There are no moorings available at Duck Harbor. Boats can be anchored on the shore side of the float only. A small store and post office with limited hours are located near the town landing.

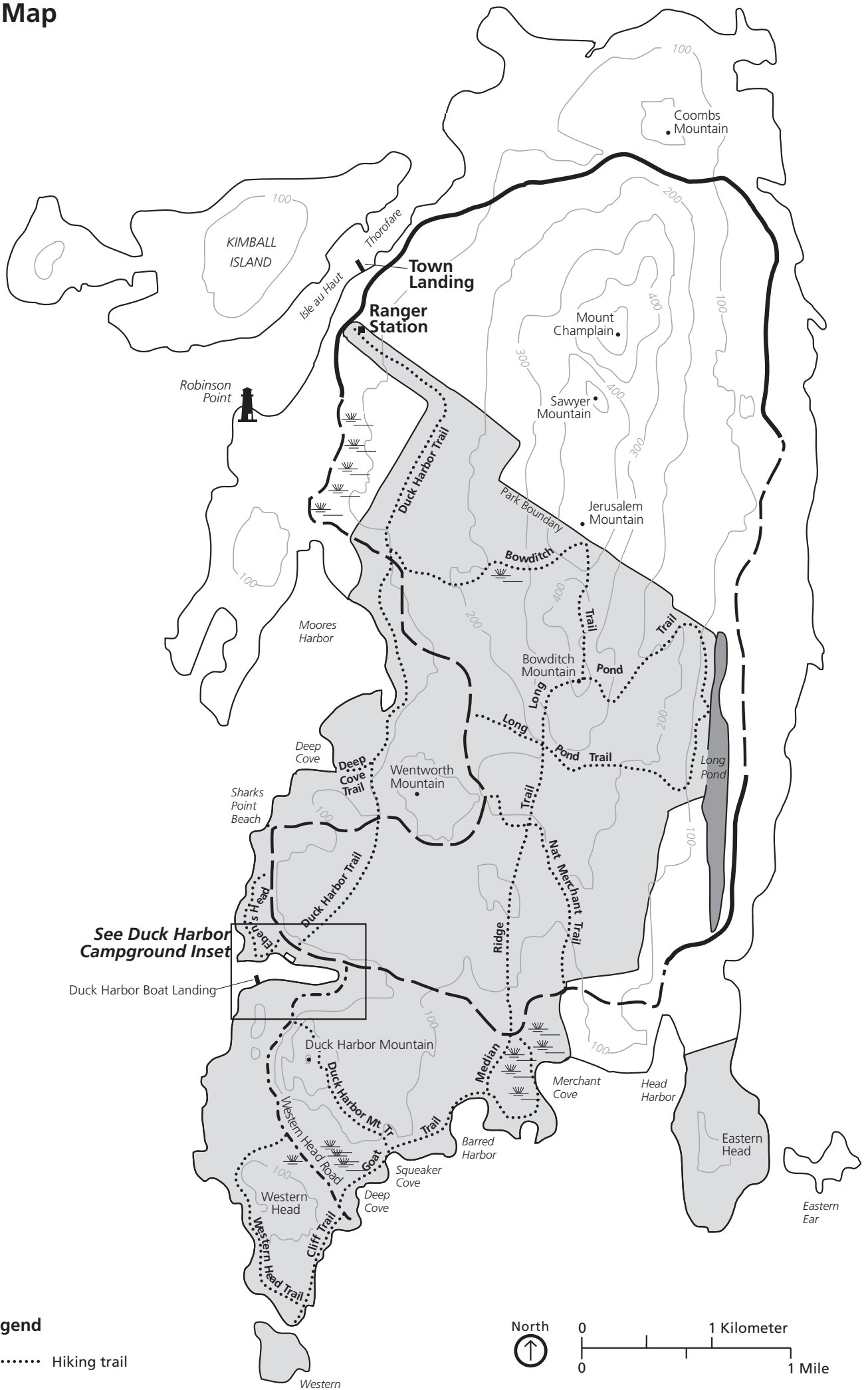
Day Trips

The number of visitors allowed in the Isle au Haut section of Acadia is limited.

Ferry Service

Isle au Haut is linked to the mainland by a year-round, passenger-only ferry from Stonington to the Isle au Haut Town Landing. From mid-June through late September, the ferry also stops at the Duck Harbor Boat Landing, near the campground. The ferry operates on a first-come, first-served basis. For current fare and schedule information: [Isle au Haut Boat Services \(207\) 367-5193](http://Isleauhaut.com)

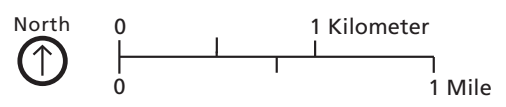
Isle au Haut Map



See Duck Harbor Campground Inset

Legend

- Hiking trail
- Paved road
- - - - - Unpaved road
- · - · - Administrative road
- ▭ Acadia National Park
- ▭ Private land
- 🏠 Campsite shelter
- 🚻 Composting toilet
- 🚰 Drinking water
- 🍷 Picnic area



Duck Harbor Campground and Vicinity

