



Schoodic Peninsula

The Schoodic Peninsula, containing the only section of Acadia National Park on the mainland, boasts granite headlands that bear erosional scars of storm waves and flood tides. Although similar in scenic splendor to portions of Mount Desert Island, the Schoodic coast is more secluded. It is approximately a one-hour drive from Hulls Cove Visitor Center to the Schoodic Peninsula. In the summer the Schoodic Peninsula is accessible via ferry service from Bar Harbor to Winter Harbor, and the Island Explorer bus service provides transportation from the ferry terminal to the Schoodic section of the park and the villages of Prospect Harbor and Winter Harbor.

The park entrance is marked by a sign just before you reach the Frazer Creek Bridge. Beyond the bridge, Frazer Point Picnic Area—with tables, fire rings, restrooms, and drinking water—offers views of islands, coves, and rocky beaches. Leaving the picnic area, the park road is one way and parallels the western shore of the Schoodic Peninsula to Schoodic Point. Automobile turnouts provide views of Mount Desert Island and the Winter Harbor Light, which was built in 1856 and deactivated in 1933. Cadillac Mountain is the highest land on the horizon. You may enjoy views of lobster boats, wheeling gulls, and forest-draped islands.

About 2.5 miles from the picnic area, an unpaved road ascends to the top of Schoodic Head (440 feet). Please be careful when meeting traffic on this

narrow gravel road. Although you can drive up the one-mile road, you may also choose to walk (three hiking trails lead to the top). On a clear day from the summit, vistas of the ocean, forests, and mountains claim your attention.

Returning to the main road, keep right at the intersection past the entrance to the Schoodic Education and Research Center to reach Schoodic Point. Once home to a U.S. Navy communications base, the National Park Service is developing the Schoodic Education and Research Center to promote science in the park and offer related educational opportunities. This section of road is two way. Along this windswept coast, huge granite ledges create lofty waves and dark-colored basaltic dikes intrude between slabs of pink granite.

After leaving Schoodic Point, bear right and continue along the one-way loop road. Blueberry Hill Parking Area, which offers views of Little Moose Island and Schoodic Island,

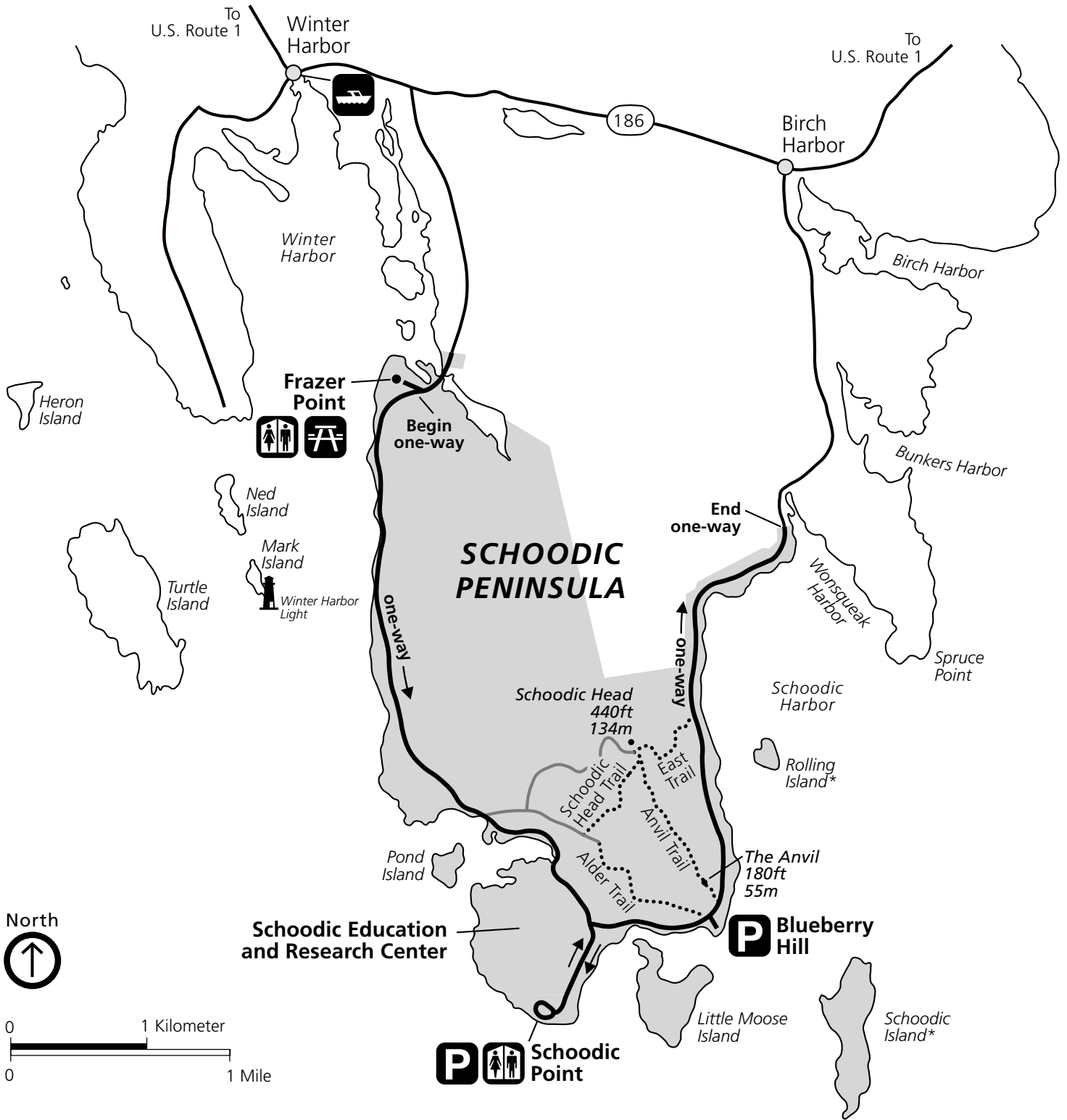
is located on the right, one-half mile down the road. Park here to access the Alder and Anvil Trails. The level and easy Alder Trail begins across the road from the entrance to the parking area. The Anvil Trail, which leads to the 180-foot summit of the Anvil, begins several hundred yards down the road and around a curve. Both trails are marked with cedar posts.

Approximately two miles from the Blueberry Hill Parking Area, the park ends at Wonsqueak Harbor. Two miles beyond the park is the village of Birch Harbor and the intersection to Route 186.

Although overnight camping is not permitted in the Schoodic section of Acadia National Park, private campgrounds nearby offer camping facilities. For current information, contact the Schoodic Peninsula Chamber of Commerce at 207-963-7658 or P.O. Box 381, Winter Harbor, Maine 04693, or visit www.acadia-schoodic.org/home.htm.



Schoodic Point offers views of Mount Desert Island.



 Acadia National Park

 Trail


 Paved Road

 Gravel Road

 Ferry

 Parking

 Picnic Area

 Restrooms

 Lighthouse

*Schoodic and Rolling Islands are closed from February 15 through August 31 to protect nesting birds.

Hiking Trails

Alder trail	0.6 m
Anvil Trail	1.1 m
East Face Trail	0.5 m
Schoodic Head Trail	0.6 m