

The attached Site Bulletin is historical in scope as Acadia National Park no longer provides any winter camping.



Blackwoods Campground

From December 1 through March 31, Blackwoods Campground is available for primitive tent camping. Blackwoods is the only Acadia National Park facility on Mount Desert Island that is designated for winter camping. Before camping, campers must obtain a free camping permit from the park's Dispatch Office, located at park headquarters on Route 233 west of Bar Harbor.

The campground entrance road is gated and closed, requiring campers to hike in a distance of approximately one mile to the campground. Parking is limited at the entrance gate; only five or six vehicles will be able to park at one time. To serve the greatest number of people, camping parties are encouraged to park only one vehicle at the campground entrance; additional vehicles can be parked at Hulls Cove Visitor Center, located on Route 3 north of Bar Harbor. Campers should be careful not to block other vehicles and should not park on the shoulder of Route 3, as vehicles parked on the shoulder may be towed by the state highway department during a snowstorm. It is advisable to have the tools necessary to shovel out vehicles if they get plowed in during a snowstorm.

Campers must be prepared for extreme weather conditions and must be self sufficient.

Facilities

- Camping is limited to the established campsites in Loop A.
- A hand pump for water and a drain for dumping gray water are available.
- A portable toilet is available. Campers should bring their own toilet paper.

Reminders

- Please collect, bag, and pack out all food scraps and trash.
- Cutting vegetation (e.g., tree branches) is prohibited. Large pieces of wood for campfires may be available in the campground; a hatchet is needed to split the wood into usable pieces.
- Snowmobiling is prohibited in Blackwoods Campground.
- All Acadia National Park rules and regulations must be observed.