

Proposed changes to Baxter State Park Rules and Regulations for 2017

Rule 1.2

Current rule text: "Camping is permitted by reservation only and only in authorized campgrounds and campsites, May 15 through October 15 and December 1 through March 31."

Revised Rule text: "**Camping is permitted by reservation** only and only in authorized campgrounds and campsites, May 15 through **October 22 as specified by the Park**, and December 1 through March 31."

Rule 1.3

Current rule text: "Persons entering or leaving the Park by way of the Appalachian Trail must register at Katahdin Stream Campground."

Revised rule text: "**Long Distance Hikers entering the Park for the purpose of hiking all or part of the Appalachian Trail must secure an AT -Katahdin Hiker Permit Card prior to hiking the Hunt Trail to or from Baxter Peak.**"

Rule 5.5

Current rule text: "The operation of Motorized **trail bikes, and ATV's** (all terrain vehicles) is prohibited within the Park except as specified in 5.8 below. The operation of **Motorcycles** is prohibited on unpaved roads within the Park. Unless further restricted for safety reasons, **bicycle** use within the Park shall be restricted to maintained roads and the Dwelley Pond Trail."

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Rule 5.6

Current rule text: "Take off and landing of **aircraft** in the Park is prohibited except on Matagamon, Nesowadnehunk, and Webster Lakes. Persons landing aircraft on permitted waters in the Park must register with Park Headquarters or a gatehouse in advance. "Aircraft" is defined to include any machine or device capable of deriving support in the atmosphere from the reactions of the air, including, but not limited to model craft, hot air balloons, hang gliders, para-sails and para-gliders and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV's). "

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