

2023 Winter Reservations in Baxter State Park Opening Day November 1, 2023

Winter reservations procedure

Camping in Baxter State Park (BSP) is permitted on a reservation-only basis from December 1 to March 31, and reservations must be made in person or by mail. BSP will begin taking reservations for winter camping Wednesday, November 1. BSP Headquarters will be open between 8AM and 4PM Monday through Friday. Day users expecting to travel above treeline are required to register with the Park, and all reservations and registrations must be made at least 7 days in advance of your trip.

On Wednesday, November 1, BSP will use a lottery system, administered at BSP Headquarters at 64 Balsam Drive in Millinocket, to determine the order of reservations for the winter season.

- Doors will open for information and visitors are welcome to arrive at BSP Headquarters starting at 8am. Visitors can begin to pre-fill out reservations until called.
- The first lottery drawing will take place at 9AM.
 - Winter reservations will open for commercial users on Thursday, November 2, 2023. Camping at BSP HQ is not allowed. If you are interested in local lodging, please visit the Katahdin Region Chamber of Commerce's website at https://katahdinmaine.com/stay.

During Winter 2022-2023, Baxter State Park (BSP) followed public health guidance and bunkhouses were booked as single-party only. For the winter 2023-2024 season bunkhouses will be booked by individual space. For prices, please visit our website, baxterstatepark.org and navigate to Camp/Fees and Refunds.

As with any trip into the wilderness, with remoteness comes risk. By venturing out into the frozen Park landscape in the winter months, you accept this risk and allow your safety to become your own responsibility. Consequences are magnified; rescue response may be hours or even days away.

For information on winter in the Park, please visit the winter camping page of our website.