



Katahdin Trailhead Passes (KTP)

Why we require Katahdin Trailhead Passes

The Katahdin Trailhead Pass system (formerly known as Day Use Parking Reservations) is an important tool for managing the impact of Park visitors on Katahdin's alpine ecosystem and its trails, which experience the highest level of use in the Park. The system also prevents overcrowding on the Katahdin peaks and trails, leaving visitors to experience the wild nature of the Park in accordance with Governor Baxter's wishes.

Who needs one?

Anyone planning to hike from a Katahdin trailhead who is NOT camping in the Park the night prior. This includes trails departing from the Katahdin trailheads even if they do not ascend Katahdin.

Which are the Katahdin trailheads?

- **Roaring Brook Campground**, accessing Chimney Pond (connecting to Dudley, Cathedral, Saddle, and Hamlin Ridge), Helon Taylor, Sandy Stream, South Turner Mountain, Russell Pond, and Roaring Brook Nature Trails
- **Abol Campground**, accessing the Abol Trail and Little Abol Falls Trail
- **Katahdin Stream**, accessing the Hurr (Appalachian Trail) and Owl Trails
- [Download a trail map](#)

No other trailheads in the Park require a KTP- they are filled on a first-come first-served basis.

How do I get a KTP?

- Starting on April 1 you can reserve KTPs in advance for any day of the summer (online, by phone, or in person at our reservations office).
- KTP reservations can be made each day until 3pm the day prior to your hike.
- There is a limit of 2 KTP reservations per calendar month for the months of June-October. KTPs are not required in May.

All KTP sales are non-refundable.

When can I enter the Park with a KTP?

- If you have reserved your KTP in advance, you may enter the Park to travel to the trailhead specified by your KTP when the Togue Pond Gate opens at 6 a.m. On busy summer days you can expect to wait in line at the gate with other KTP holders. If at all possible, please bring a printed copy of your KTP to help the line move more quickly.
- Your KTP expires if you are not in the KTP line at the Togue Pond Gate by 7 a.m. on the day of your hike. After 7 a.m. (and once all KTP holders have entered), you forfeit the reserved spot and it is made available to other visitors on a first-come first-served basis.

When can I enter the Park without a KTP?

- If you wish to use a Katahdin Trailhead and don't have a KTP, you may come to the Togue Pond Gate the morning of your hike. If spaces are available, you will be directed by staff to the line with KTP holders. If KTPs have all been reserved, you may wait in a first-come, first-served line that begins entering the Park after 7 a.m., (using reserved KTPs that have been forfeited). There are typically at least some forfeited KTPs each day.
- If you wish to visit another location in the Park (that does not require a KTP), you may enter the Park when the gates open at 6 a.m. If there is a line, you may join the line of KTP holders.
- For those wishing to only visit Sandy Stream Pond from the Roaring Brook Campground Parking, you may inquire at the gate for a "Moose Pass". A limited number of these passes allow visitors interested in observing wildlife at Sandy Stream Pond to park for the limited duration of 3 hours



Our Parking Reservation System Is Getting an Update!

Based on visitor use data and experiences, the following changes related to making parking reservations for Katahdin hikes will take effect for the 2025 summer/fall season. These changes are aimed at providing fair access opportunities as envisioned by Governor Baxter, and clarifying and streamlining the reservations and planning process for Park visitors.

1. A parking reservation/pass for use of all trails departing from trailheads that include Katahdin trails will be called a Katahdin Trailhead Pass (KTP).
2. The cost of a single Katahdin Trailhead Pass will be \$10.
3. On April 1st, all visitors will have access to reserve a maximum of 2 KTPs per month for the season (June-October).

To learn more about these changes, visit our website at

[\[LINK TO NEWS PAGE HERE\]](#)

BAXTER STATE PARK KATAHDIN TRAILHEAD PASS



**PRINT THIS TRAILHEAD PASS
TO PRESENT AT TOGUE POND GATEHOUSE
UPON YOUR ARRIVAL**

RESERVED TRAILHEAD

Roaring Brook

FRIDAY, 8/23/2024

NON-RESIDENT PARK ENTRANCE FEE MUST BE PURCHASED SEPARATELY

THIS PASS IS NON-REFUNDABLE / NON-TRANSFERABLE

OFFICE USE ONLY	
VEHICLE INFORMATION	VISITOR INFORMATION
STATE: MAINE	LAST NAME: SMITH
PLATE NUMBER: 123 XYZ	NUMBER IN VEHICLE: _____
PASS NUMBER: 65444	GATE PASSES: 0
<input type="checkbox"/> No Animals	<input type="checkbox"/> No Firewood
<input type="checkbox"/> No Animals	<input type="checkbox"/> No UAV

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Access to the reserved trailhead for

- Day-Use Visitors
- Cyclists
- Hiker Drop-Offs
- Campers with same day check-in
- Vehicle Parking

NOT PERMITTED:

- Animals
- UAV (Drones)
- Oversized Vehicles
(Maximum 9' high, 7' wide, or 22' long)
- Motorcycles

Ten essential items you should carry on every trip:

- Map
- Compass
- Warm Clothing
- Extra food and water
- Flashlight or Headlamp
- Matches/Firestarters
- First Aid Kit/Repair Kit
- Whistle
- Rain/Wind Gear
- Pocket Knife

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Baxter State Park

Parking Pass

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Parking

Information

Area: Roaring Brook
Date: 2024-07-13

Visitor Information

Last Name:
Number in Party:

Vehicle Information

State: Maine
Plate Number:
Permit Number: 63173
Gate Passes: 0

Please note that reserved day use parking spaces will be held until 7:05am the day of the reservations. If you have not arrived at the gatehouse by 7:05am, the reservation will be cancelled and the space will be released for use by other visitors.

