

NATIONAL PARK · UNITED STATES · MAINE

Acadia

at a glance

The only national park in New England: granite mountains down to the sea, 45 miles (72 km) of car-free carriage roads and the summit where, in the winter half of the year, the sun rises first in the United States.

about **50,000**

AREA

acres, roughly 200 km² (77 sq mi)

27 miles

PARK LOOP ROAD
about 43 km

45 miles

CARRIAGE ROADS
(72 km), 17 stone bridges

over **150** miles

HIKING TRAILS
(240 km)

BEFORE YOU GO



One park, three parts

The main part lies on Mount Desert Island, with Bar Harbor, the Park Loop Road and Cadillac Mountain.



The Park Loop Road

27 miles, about 43 kilometres, from the Hulls Cove Visitor Center: Sieur de Monts, Sand Beach, Thunder Hole, Otter Point, Jordan Pond and ...



By car

From Boston on I-95 to Augusta, then Route 3 to Ellsworth and onto the island; or I-95 to Bangor, Route 1A to Ellsworth, then Route 3.



Summer

Daytime 45 to 90 °F (7 to 32 °C); the sea 10 to 16 °C (50 to 61 °F), the lakes 13 to 21 °C (55 to 70 °F).



Ticks

Ticks are common in the park, especially from late spring to early autumn, and the diseases they carry are increasing in the region.



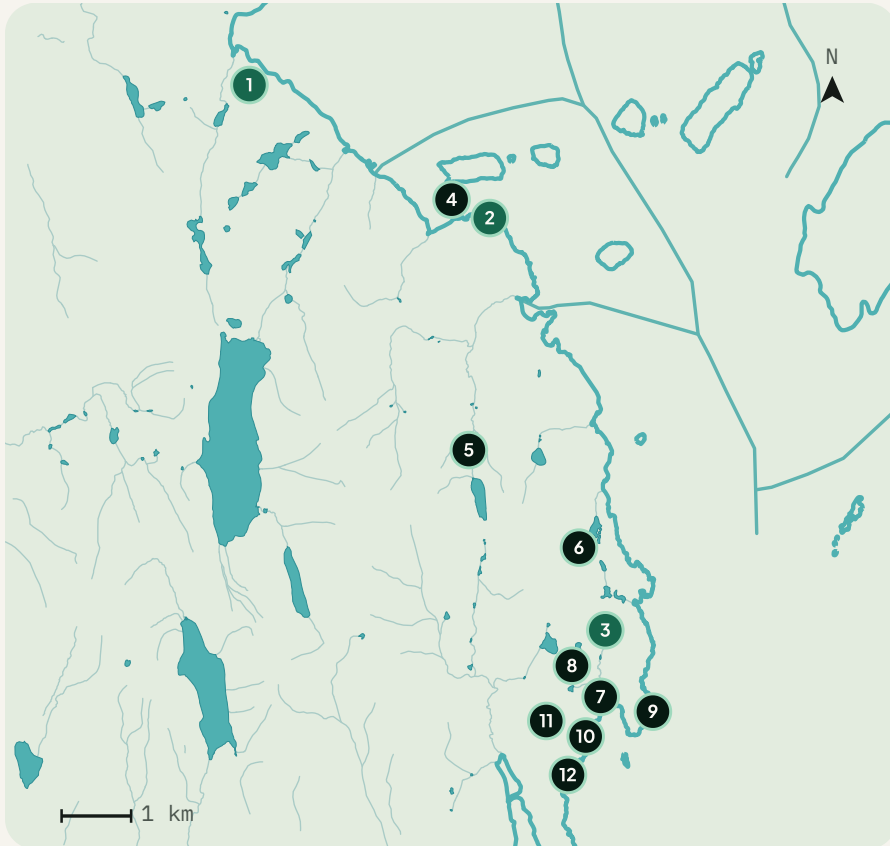
Poison ivy

Poison ivy grows throughout the park, especially along the coast, and is protected as a native plant; it is only cut back along the Ocean ...



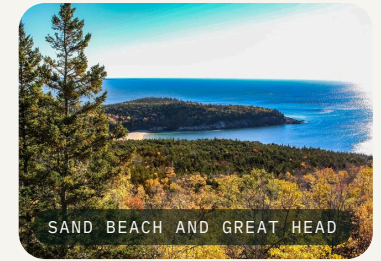
Fees and opening hours, up to date

Fees and times change. The park page lists them with source and date:
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Green: entrances. Map data © OpenStreetMap contributors (ODbL).



THINGS TO DO

Ocean Path

2.2 miles (3.5 km) one way from Sand Beach past Thunder Hole and the 110-foot (34 m) Otter Cliffs to Otter ...

Precipice Loop

Over 1,000 feet (305 m) of climbing in 0.9 miles (1.4 km), then back via the Champlain North Ridge Trail for ...

The Bubbles and Bubble Rock

1.5 miles (2.4 km) there and back from the Bubbles car park on the Loop Road: first North Bubble, then South ...

Carriage roads

45 miles (72 km) of car-free gravel roads, built from 1913 to 1940 by John D.

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Beehive Loop

A 1.4-mile (2.3 km) loop from Sand Beach via the Bowl Trail.

Jordan Pond Path

3.3 miles (5.3 km) around the lake.

Cadillac on foot

If you have no reservation, walk: the North Ridge Trail is 4.4 miles (7.1 km) there and back, mostly over ...

By bike

Class 1 e-bikes are allowed on the carriage roads, Class 2 and 3 are not; the limit is 20 mph (32 km/h) ...

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Bar Harbor: small-group tour with Cadillac, Thunder Hole and Jordan Pond
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Island Explorer: free bus from Bar Harbor into the park
ON ➤



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