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89 miles of new experiences!

WELCOME to the Katahdin Woods & Waters National Scenic Byway

Katahdin, Maine's highest mountain, sits prominently within the Katahdin Woods & Waters National Scenic Byway (see map).

Passing through vast, breathtaking woods and waters, as well as 8 towns and villages, the byway will take you on an 89-mile journey filled with recreational opportunities as well as areas of significant history and culture.



Follow the footsteps of Henry David Thoreau and his Penobscot guides, experience the same magnificent vistas that inspired artists Frederic Edwin Church and Marsden Hartley, or venture into the wilderness that enlightened Theodore Roosevelt.

Nationally recognized for its excellent year-round outdoor activities, the scenic byway provides access to Baxter State Park, the Appalachian Trails (AT and IAT), the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument, and the East and West branches of the Penobscot River for world-class whitewater rafting and paddling.

Explore on your own or seek out local registered guides and outfitters to access the byway's many outdoor recreation sites. Make sure to visit area historical societies and museums, and read the interpretive panels along the byway to learn more about the region's fascinating history.

Discover the Katahdin region, one of America's most exciting wilderness playgrounds!



PLAN YOUR VISIT

Start your byway adventure!

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For food, lodging and other regional information:

Katahdin Region Chamber of Commerce
katahdinmaine.com

Additional travel and visitor information:

Baxter State Park baxterstatepark.org
Friends of Katahdin Woods and Waters friendsofkw.org
KW&W National Monument nps.gov/kaww
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1 BAXTER STATE PARK (BSP)

In this "Forever Wild" designated wilderness area, view or climb Katahdin, Maine's highest peak. Enjoy canoeing, hiking, camping, fishing, sightseeing and other outdoor activities. Be sure to check the park's **Rules and Regulations** before visiting.

Nearby: Debsconeag Lakes Wilderness Area, Ambajelus Lake



2 WEST BRANCH OF THE PENOBSCOT RIVER

With class IV & V rapids, the West Branch is rated as one of the best whitewater rivers in the eastern United States. Visitors can also enjoy canoeing, kayaking, swimming, fishing, and bird/wildlife watching, amid stunning views of Katahdin.

Nearby: River Pond Nature Trail, Trout Mountain Preserve



3 DOWNTOWN MILLINOCKET, MAINE

Millinocket is a major gateway to the North Maine Woods, West Branch of the Penobscot River, Baxter State Park and many other Maine outdoor recreational activities. Visit the shops, galleries and eateries in the historic downtown.

Nearby: Michaud Trail, Historical Society Museum, Art Galleries, Town Library

4 BEACH at MEDWAY RECREATION AREA

Enjoy the sandy beach, ball courts, and playground at this local town park. A popular public swimming and boat launch spot on the East Branch of the Penobscot River.



5 EAST BRANCH OF THE PENOBSCOT RIVER

Canoeing this unspoiled, historic waterway is a paddler's dream. Visitors can also enjoy spectacular scenery from the banks, as the byway parallels the river for 11 miles near Medway.

Nearby: East Branch Hiking Trail, Grindstone Rest Area



6 PENOBSCOT RIVER TRAILS

This nature preserve on the East Branch of the Penobscot River is a world-class destination featuring over 15 miles of trails for walking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and mountain biking.

Nearby: Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument



7 KATAHDIN WOODS AND WATERS NATIONAL MONUMENT

The National Park Service manages the 87,563 acres of dense woodlands, wild rivers, and bogs. This nationally significant landscape offers visitors grand views of Katahdin and many places to hike, mountain bike, paddle, fish and spot forest wildlife, including moose! Designated as an International Dark Sky Sanctuary, stargazing here is an unforgettable experience.

Nearby: Orin Falls, International Appalachian Trail (IAT)

8 WAR MEMORIAL & "OLD ZACH"

Just south of Patten off Route 11, take a small detour to the town of Sherman. Behind the historic church, visitors will find both a War Memorial and "Old Zach", a pre-civil war cannon used for many years to alert the community of big news, such as victories.

Nearby: Amish Community, Bible Point State Historic Site



9 THE PATTEN LUMBERMEN'S MUSEUM

Learn about Maine's logging history, the stories of the fearless river drivers, the bateaux used on waterways, life inside a remote logging camp, and even the significance of bean hole beans.

Nearby: Downtown Patten, Sherman to Patten Multi-Use Trail



10 SEBOEIS RIVERSIDE TRAIL

The well-marked hiking trail takes you through woods and alongside the scenic river to "Grand Pitch" - a portage site for paddlers. Rocky outcrops, river wildlife and the sounds of rushing waters will enchant visitors of all ages.

Nearby: Hike Mount Chase, Canoe Grand Lake Matagamom