

Maine Woods Family Adventure Trip

An exciting six-day, multi-activity family getaway in Maine's North Woods wilderness



There are many ways to experience the north woods of Maine with your family – and our unique multi-activity adventure trip packs them all in one exciting week. L.L.Bean Outdoor Discovery Trips is excited to share this one-of-a-kind Maine experience and our love of the outdoors with you.

Trip Details

Locations: Greenville and The Forks, Maine

Duration: 6 Days/5 Nights

Accommodations: Classic cabins and lodges

Activity Level: Easy/Moderate

Group Size: 8 (not including trip leaders)

Minimum age: 8 (17 and under with parent or guardian)

Climate Information:

With long, beautiful and comfortably warm days, summer is a great time to visit Maine. After a full day of exploring, the refreshingly cool nights feel just right. Average daily temperature: high 75°F/low 50°F



Daily Itinerary

Day 1 Welcome Lunch and Transfer to Greenville

An L.L.Bean trip guide will meet guests at the Portland International Jetport baggage claim area at 9:00 a.m. Once gathered, we'll shuttle together to the charming town of Freeport, L.L.Bean's hometown for over a century.

If driving to Maine or flying into Portland the night before, please plan to meet us at our Flying Point Paddling Center at 10:00 a.m. The Paddling Center is located at 14 Marietta Lane, Freeport, Maine.

Together we will head to Greenville to our "off the grid" getaway for the next two nights; we will stop for lunch along the way. After settling into your "Shoreline Cabin," feel free to explore the grounds, paddle across the pond or simply relax and enjoy the spectacular setting. We are now in the North Maine Woods with endless opportunities for exploration and outdoor fun.

We'll end the day with a hearty, three-course family style dinner at the Main Lodge.

Lodging: AMC Gorman Chairback Cabins, Greenville

Meals Included: Lunch, Dinner

Activity: Outdoor activity of your choice, as time allows

Day 2 Guided Day Hike Along Gulf Hagas Gorge, the "Grand Canyon of Maine"

After breakfast, we'll grab a trail lunch and head out to hike the beautiful Gulf Hagas, part of the Appalachian Trail. Along this 8-mile trek, we'll hike past stunning waterfalls, swimming holes and breathtaking views. We may even spot a moose or deer, so be sure to bring your camera.

Once back at camp, you'll have free time to paddle across the pond or relax lakeside before our family-style group dinner.

Lodging: AMC Gorman Chairback Cabins, Greenville

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Activity: 8-mile hike

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Day 3 Guided Day Hike of Iconic Mount Kineo

Today we'll head to The Forks region, known as Maine's wilderness playground. Following the footsteps (and paddle splashes) of author and naturalist Henry David Thoreau, we will head to Mount Kineo, an impressive 800-foot mountain. After arriving by water taxi, we'll hike 4 miles (round trip) to the old fire tower which offers breathtaking 360-degree view of the Moosehead region. Mount Kineo has been a favorite destination for Maine residents and visitors for centuries.

Our group dinner will be at a favorite local restaurant.

Tonight's stay is in a "logdominium" cabin (Maine's log condominium) at an adventure resort, our home for the next few nights. Amenities at this resort include an outdoor swimming pool, giant outdoor hot tub, game room and on-site microbrewery.

Lodging: Northern Outdoors Resort, The Forks

Meals Included: Breakfast, Trail Lunch, Dinner

Activity: Moderate 4-mile hike

Day 4 Day Hiking, Lazy Float Or Add-On Fly Fishing Option

Our final day in the wilderness playground! Come hike, paddle or fly fish - the outdoor activity is up to you.

Hiking: Lace up your hiking shoes and join your guide for an easy trek above the tree line for some stunning views. There are many great hiking options in the area!

Water adventure: Take a lazy float trip down a calmer section of the Kennebec River (ripples and small waves), surrounded by forest views and wildlife. No experience necessary.

Fishing Add-on Option: For those who love wetting a line, come join a local fly fishing guide for a half-day of great fishing and personalized instruction. This is an add-on option. Please select this option at time of purchase or contact one of our Adventure Consultants for more information. For our final dinner, we will gather at the Hawk's Nest Restaurant & Pub – the perfect place to unwind after an action-packed week.

Moose spotting: Of course, a trip to Maine is not complete without viewing Maine's official state animal - and summer is prime moose-spotting season. Don't miss this chance for a scenic drive to local spots ideal for moose-spotting.

Tonight, we will gather at the Hawk's Nest Restaurant & Pub - the perfect place to unwind after another fun day outdoors.

Lodging: Northern Outdoors Resort, The Forks

Meals Included: Breakfast, Trail Lunch, Dinner

Activity: Outdoor activity of your choice

Day 5 Whitewater Rafting

The Forks is the mecca of whitewater rafting in New England! So, after breakfast, we will head to the historic Kennebec River for an amazing whitewater rafting adventure — a thrilling experience for first-timers and experienced enthusiasts. Led by Registered Maine Guides, we'll ride non-stop wave trains and rapids (some four to six feet high), winding our way through the deep, beautiful Kennebec River Gorge*.

After tackling the rapids, we'll paddle down to the milder lower section to enjoy a riverside lunch and leisurely float on calmer waters. Here, we'll have plenty of time to relax, take in the beautiful scenery and view amazing wildlife such as eagles, moose and osprey. After a fun day outdoors, we'll enjoy a hearty group dinner at the Northern Outdoors' restaurant.

Lodging: Northern Outdoors lodge

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Activity: Class 2-4 whitewater rafting, swimming and floating

**For guests who prefer not to whitewater raft the more challenging section, please let us know. We are happy to arrange to take you directly to the milder lower section where you will meet up with the rest of our group.*

Day 6 Transfer back to Freeport and Portland

After breakfast, we will drive back to Freeport and the Portland International Jetport; estimated arrival time at the airport is 12 noon.

Meals Included: Breakfast

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ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION

Accommodations

All accommodations have been carefully selected for their ideal locations for an amazing outdoor experience.



AMC Gorman Chairback Lodge & Cabin, Greenville (2 nights)

Classic rustic cabins, located by the shore of scenic Long Pond. The shoreline cabins sleep up to five people, featuring a combination of queen-size, full and bunk beds. Each cabin has a woodstove and gas lamps. There is no running water; water jugs are provided for guest use. Conveniently located in the Main Lodge, the central bathhouse has hot showers, composting toilets as well as a wood-heated sauna. Pillowcases, sheets and towels are provided.

This stay is an unplugged adventure: WiFi is not available and cell service is limited.



Northern Outdoors Resort, The Forks (3 nights)

Rustic log cabin condo units ("lodgominiums"), located in western Maine's beautiful wilderness. Lodgominiums sleep up to six people and feature an open layout with a large upstairs loft, kitchenette and shower. Condos are located next to the main lodge for easy access to the outdoor swimming pool, hot tub, game room and on-site microbrewery. Pillowcases, sheets and towels are included.

Free WIFI is available at this adventure resort.

Food & Drink

The trip includes five lunches (three trail lunches, one lunch from a local sandwich shop and one riverside cookout) and five dinners (two hearty, homemade dinners at the lodging plus three dinners at local restaurants). Alcohol is not included as part of the trip, but will be available to purchase. To discuss dietary restrictions or food allergies, please call our Adventure Consultants at 1-888-615-9979.

Activity Level

This trip is rated easy/moderate; all activities are appropriate for a person in good health with an average level of fitness. If you have questions about your ability to do the daily activities, please call one of our helpful Adventure Consultants and they can help you decide. Daily activities are always optional, and there is plenty of free time built into the schedule for relaxing and exploring on your own.

Connectivity

This is an adventure trip in the North Maine Woods. Our Greenville lodge (the first part of our trip) is in an unplugged experience (no WIFI and limited cell phone coverage). Our adventure resort lodging in The Forks (second part of the trip) does have free WIFI; cell coverage available at the Main Lodge.

Fly-Fishing Add-On Option

Join a local fly fishing guide for a half-day of great fly fishing and personalized instruction. Please select this add-on option at time of purchase. For more details, please contact one of our Adventure Consultants.

Activities and schedules are weather dependent. We reserve the right to change itinerary due to inclement weather.