

Maine Woods Adventure Trip

An extraordinary air, land, and water adventure in Maine's North Woods wilderness



There are many ways to experience the north woods of Maine – 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: 7 Days/6 Nights

Accommodations: Classic cabins and lodges

Activity Level: Easy/Moderate

Group Size: 8 (not including trip leaders)

Minimum age: 18

Climate Information:

Average Daily Temperature: High 70°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 three nights; we will stop for lunch along the way. After settling into your cozy cabin, feel free to explore the grounds, paddle across the pond or simply relax and enjoy the spectacular setting. We are now in 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: Deluxe Cabin, Greenville

Meals Included: Lunch, Dinner

Activity: Outdoor activity of your choice, as time allows

Day 2: Guided Day Hike Along Gulf Hagas, 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: Deluxe Camp

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Activity: 8-mile hike

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Day 3: Scenic Float Plane Tour and Canoe Tour

After breakfast, we'll leave the lodge and walk down to the dock for a special float plane adventure! Climb aboard and enjoy an unforgettable sightseeing tour, with amazing birds-eye views of Moosehead Lake, Mount Kineo and distant Mount Katahdin, the highest peak in Maine. The pilot will also try to find moose for viewing as well. The float plane will take off and land on the water.

While one group (2-3 people) is flying, the others can relax on an Adirondack chair and take in the incredible setting. After the float plane tour, your guide will provide a lesson on some basic canoe handling skills and then set off on a tour of the pond in front of your cabins. Kayaks and stand up paddleboards will also be available for guests to use on the pond.

We'll end the fun-filled day with a group family-style dinner at the Main Lodge.

Lodging: AMC Gorman Chairback

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Activity: Float plane touring, canoe tour, kayaking and stand up paddleboarding

Day 4: 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 cozy cabin lodging 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 lodge

Meals Included: Breakfast, Trail Lunch, Dinner

Activity: Moderate 4-mile hike

Day 5: Day Hiking, Lazy Float Or Add-On Fly Fishing Option

The choice is yours today in the wilderness playground! Come hike, paddle, fish or take a drive - 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: Spend a few hours leisurely floating on the calmer sections of the Kennebec River, surrounded by amazing scenery.

Fishing: For guests who love wetting a line, we will also offer an add-on option to purchase a drift trip with a local fly fishing guide for a half day of personalized instruction and fishing.

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 lodge

Meals Included: Breakfast, Trail Lunch, Dinner

Activity: Outdoor activity of your choice

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Day 6: 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.

We'll end the fun-filled day with a group family-style dinner at the Main Lodge.

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 7: 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. Thank you for joining us!

Meals Included: Breakfast

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 (3 nights)

Classic rustic cabins, located by the shore of scenic Long Pond. Cabins are double occupancy, some with private baths, available on first come-first serve basis. Other cabins utilize a well finished bathhouse that's conveniently located in the main lodge with toilets, hot showers and sauna. Pillowcases, sheets and towels are included. This stay is an unplugged adventure: WiFi is not available and cell service is limited.



Northern Outdoors Lodging, The Forks (3 nights)

Cozy private cabins, located in western Maine's beautiful wilderness. Each cabin is double occupancy, with a private bathroom – and within easy distance to the main lodge with 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.



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Food & Drink

All meals are provided by the lodgings. The trip includes six lunches (ranging from trail lunches, a local sandwich shop and a gourmet riverside cookout) and six dinners (four hearty, homemade dinners at the lodging plus two dinners at a local restaurant). Alcohol 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 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.

Luggage

This trip is supported with a 14-passenger bus. We ask that you limit your luggage to one medium-sized, soft-sided bag that you can easily handle. We also recommend you bring a daypack in addition to your main bag. Please see the Packing List for more details about what to bring.

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

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Packing List & Tips

The detailed list below covers what you need to pack for your upcoming adventure trip, based on over 40 years of L.L.Bean's experience leading outdoor adventures. We look forward to exploring a variety of outdoor activities with you and sharing our love of the great outdoors.

VACATIONLAND CASUAL

The dress code for Maine and our adventure trip is practical and casual. Our farewell dinner may be an opportunity to dress up, but that is up to you.

LAYERS

Dressing in layers is the key to staying comfortable in the outdoors. Multiple layers allows flexibility to respond to your activity level and changing weather conditions. We can expect temperatures between 50°F and 70°F.

Your base and middle layers should include wool or synthetic clothing or a combination of both. Please avoid bringing all-cotton clothing. When wet, cotton rapidly robs the heat from your body and takes a long time to dry. Wool or synthetic fabrics are best because they don't absorb water, so they will keep you warm even if they get wet. Synthetic clothing also dries quickly.

For a top layer, we recommend waterproof/breathable rain gear. This gear will protect you from the wind and rain and help keep you dry.

LUGGAGE

This trip is supported with a 14-passenger bus. We ask that you limit yourself to one medium-sized, soft-sided travel bag plus a small daypack, as space is limited.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions about this packing list, please call one of our Adventure Travel Consultants. Also, if you'd like to purchase any L.L.Bean clothing or gear for this trip, our Adventure Consultants are happy to offer suggestions for this adventure.

GEAR PROVIDED BY L.L.BEAN

- All lake paddling gear (including PFD)
- All rafting gear (helmet, PFD, wetsuit, neoprene booties, and paddling jackets)
- Headlamps
- Trekking poles
- Group first-aid kit
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent (with DEET)

PLEASE BRING

- ☐ Rain jacket (hooded, lightweight, waterproof, breathable)
 - ☐ Rain pants (lightweight, waterproof, breathable)
 - ☐ Fleece jacket or wool sweater
 - ☐ Long-sleeve shirt (synthetic, lightweight)
 - ☐ Hiking pants (quick-dry, lightweight)
 - ☐ Hiking shorts (quick-dry, lightweight)
 - ☐ Hiking socks (synthetic or wool)
 - ☐ Wicking base-layer shirts
 - ☐ Light hiking shoes
 - ☐ Closed-toe water shoes
 - ☐ Casual clothing for free time
 - ☐ Casual shoes for traveling and free-time wear
 - ☐ Underwear
 - ☐ Sunhat or baseball hat
 - ☐ Spare eyeglasses/contact lenses
 - ☐ Sunglasses with lanyard (polarized recommended)
 - ☐ Lip balm with sunscreen
 - ☐ One-quart water bottle or hydration system
 - ☐ Personal prescriptions such as EpiPen or inhaler
 - ☐ Personal toiletries (travel size)
 - ☐ Personal electronics and chargers
 - ☐ Lanyard or band to prevent eyeglasses from falling into the water during on-water activities
 - ☐ Day pack (20 L-35 L)
- ### Optional
- ☐ Camera and accessories
 - ☐ Binoculars
 - ☐ Swimwear & towel
 - ☐ Fleece/wool gloves
 - ☐ Fleece/wool hat
 - ☐ Trekking poles
 - ☐ Ear plugs
 - ☐ Headlamp

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Pricing and Cancellation Policy

Thank you for signing up for our adventure trip. Please take a moment to review our policies regarding pricing and cancellations. We appreciate your enthusiasm for Maine, L.L.Bean and the outdoors, and look forward to providing you with an exceptional experience.

PRICE: As advertised per person, based on double occupancy.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT SAVINGS: For trips with a Single Supplement charge only. To save on the single-occupancy fee, we are happy to pair a solo traveler with another solo traveler (of the same gender) to be your roommate for this trip. At the time of payment, you will be charged 50% of the Single Supplement charge. If we are able to find you a roommate, then we will fully refund the deposit to you. If we are NOT able to match you with a fellow solo traveler, then you will receive the single occupancy room for the 50% charge initially made at the time of payment. Please contact us if you have any questions regarding this policy.

PRICE INCLUDES:

Transfers to and from Portland International Jetport (or other transportation terminals as specified in Trip Details); double-occupancy accommodations; all meals as outlined in the itinerary; all van transfers to activities per the itinerary; use of outdoor equipment; admittance to all venues outlined in the itinerary; parking for your personal vehicle if you choose to drive to Maine; and gratuities for services associated with lodging, food or other non-L.L.Bean staffed activities outlined in the itinerary. Price includes all government taxes and fees.

NOT INCLUDED:

Airfare; alcoholic beverages; gratuities for L.L.Bean trip leaders, guides and instructors; trip insurance; and items of a personal nature such as laundry expenses and phone charges.

GRATUITIES:

For any lodging, dining or activity included in the scope of the trip, all associated gratuities are covered as part of the trip. However, the cost of the trip does not include a gratuity for your L.L.Bean trip leaders, guides and instructors. While not obligatory, gratuities are appreciated.

TRAVEL INSURANCE:

Travel insurance offers the opportunity to protect your travel investment in the event you have to cancel due to some unexpected circumstances. L.L.Bean Outdoor Discovery Trips has partnered with TripAssure, a licensed travel insurance provider, to ensure our participants have access to travel insurance coverage and assistance services. TripAssure offers travel protection plans, providing coverage for trip cancellation or interruption, medical/dental coverage, baggage/personal effects loss, and more.

Please review the plan details carefully as some benefits have a required time period for purchase.

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To purchase insurance or for more plan details, visit <https://www.tripassure.com/main/?welcome=LLBE0015ME> or call TripAssure directly at 1-800-423-3632. Please let Customer Service know you are on one of our adventure trips and they will help you purchase an insurance plan that's right for you.

PLEASE ALSO CONSIDER:

- **Trip payment** – Full payment is expected at time of registration. We accept all major credit cards.
- **Airline tickets** – Please check with us before purchasing your airline tickets to ensure your trip is confirmed with the minimum number of participants required to operate.
- **L.L.Bean Visa Cardmembers** – Use your L.L.Bean Visa® Card on Outdoor Discovery Schools trips and earn 10% toward L.L.Bean \$10 Coupons.

CANCELLATION POLICY

If you need to cancel or reschedule your reservation, please call us right away at 1-888-615-9979. The amount of your refund or credit towards another trip will depend on the date you notify us about your need to cancel or reschedule. Due to the nature of these trips and the deposits required for activities and hotels, no refund is available if you cancel too close to your departure date. All refunds will be in the form of the original transaction. We do not make any refunds for any unused portions of your trip, such as: not arriving, arriving late or leaving the trip early. Trip insurance can help protect against unknown events that may force you to change your plans.

In the unfortunate event you must cancel your trip, your refund will be determined by the following:

- Over 60 days prior to departure – All but \$200
- 60-30 days prior to departure – 50% of trip fee
- Less than 30 days or failure to show – No refund

Questions? We are open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and weekends during the months of June, July and August.

Questions? Please call us at 1-888-615-9979 or email odschool@llbean.com

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Getting There

AIRPORTS

The closest airports convenient to the start and end of the trip are: **Portland International Jetport** (www.portlandjetport.org); **Boston's Logan Airport** (www.massport.com/logan-airport); **Bangor International Airport** (www.flybangor.com). If you do plan to fly into Bangor, please contact us first.

For guests flying to Maine, there will be a group pick up at the Portland International Jetport at 9:00 a.m. on the first day of the trip. For guests driving to Maine, please plan to meet us at 10:00 a.m. in Freeport to kick off the trip.

BUSES AND TRAINS

Buses: Concord Coach Lines (www.concordcoachlines.com) provides daily service between Boston's Logan Airport and Portland. Buses depart almost hourly. For more detailed information, call 1-800-639-3317 or check their web site for an up-to-date schedule. It's a short taxi transfer from the bus terminal to the Portland Jetport or downtown Portland.

Trains: There is train service (www.amtrak.com) from Boston's North Station to Portland, Maine. From the airport you would need to take a taxi or the subway to North Station. For more detailed information, call 1-800-872-7245 or check their website. Amtrak trains arrive into the same Portland station as Concord Coach Lines.

This adventure trip will end on the last day with a transfer back to Freeport and Portland International Jetport; estimated arrival time at the airport is 12 noon.

If you have any travel questions, please contact one of our Adventure Travel Consultants. We are very happy to help.

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