

ABOL, HUNT + OWL TRAILS

Baxter State Park



Reservations: Reserve a site at Katahdin Stream Campground, or Abol Campground.

If you plan to drive to a trailhead, you will need a day parking pass to park there.

ABOL TRAIL – BAXTER PEAK: 13 km, 9 hours return

Begin at Abol Trailhead.

*if starting at Katahdin Stream Campground either drive to Abol Trailhead (if you have a day parking pass), or walk 3.8 km along the road to the trailhead.

Walk 4.4 km (3.5 hours) to Thoreau Spring. *junction with the Hunt Trail + Baxter Peak Cut-off Trail.

Turn right onto the Hunt Trail and walk about 1.6 km to the peak.

Return 1.6 km to Thoreau Spring

Turn left and walk 4.4 km back down the Abol Trail to Abol Campground.



HUNT TRAIL – BAXTER PEAK: 15.2 km, 10 hours return

Begin at Katahdin Stream Campground.

Ascend for 1.8 km to a bridge over Katahdin Stream. *30 meters after passing the Owl Trail on the left.

Then pass Katahdin Stream Falls. *100 meters above bridge.

At 4.25 km the trail leaves the tree line and becomes a boulder field scramble.

At 5.25 km the trail levels off onto the tableland. *the Gateway

At 6.25 km the trail reaches Thoreau Spring. *the junction with the Abol + Baxter Peak Cut-off Trails.

At 7.6 km the trail reaches Baxter Peak.

Walk the Hunt Trail for 7.6 km back to Katahdin Stream Campground.



ABOL + HUNT TRAIL LOOP: 14.5 km, 10 hours

*if going to Baxter Peak, add 3.2 km, 2 hours

Start at Katahdin Stream Campground

Walk 3.8 km on the road to Abol Trailhead

Walk Abol Trail for 4.4 km to Thoreau Springs

Turn Left and walk 6.25 km back to Katahdin Stream Campground.

OWL TRAIL: 9.6 km, 5 hours

From Katahdin Stream Campground, walk the Hunt Trail for 1.8 km and turn left onto the Owl Trail.

*this is just before the bridge below Katahdin Falls.

Follow the trail for 3 km to the summit of the Owl.



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