

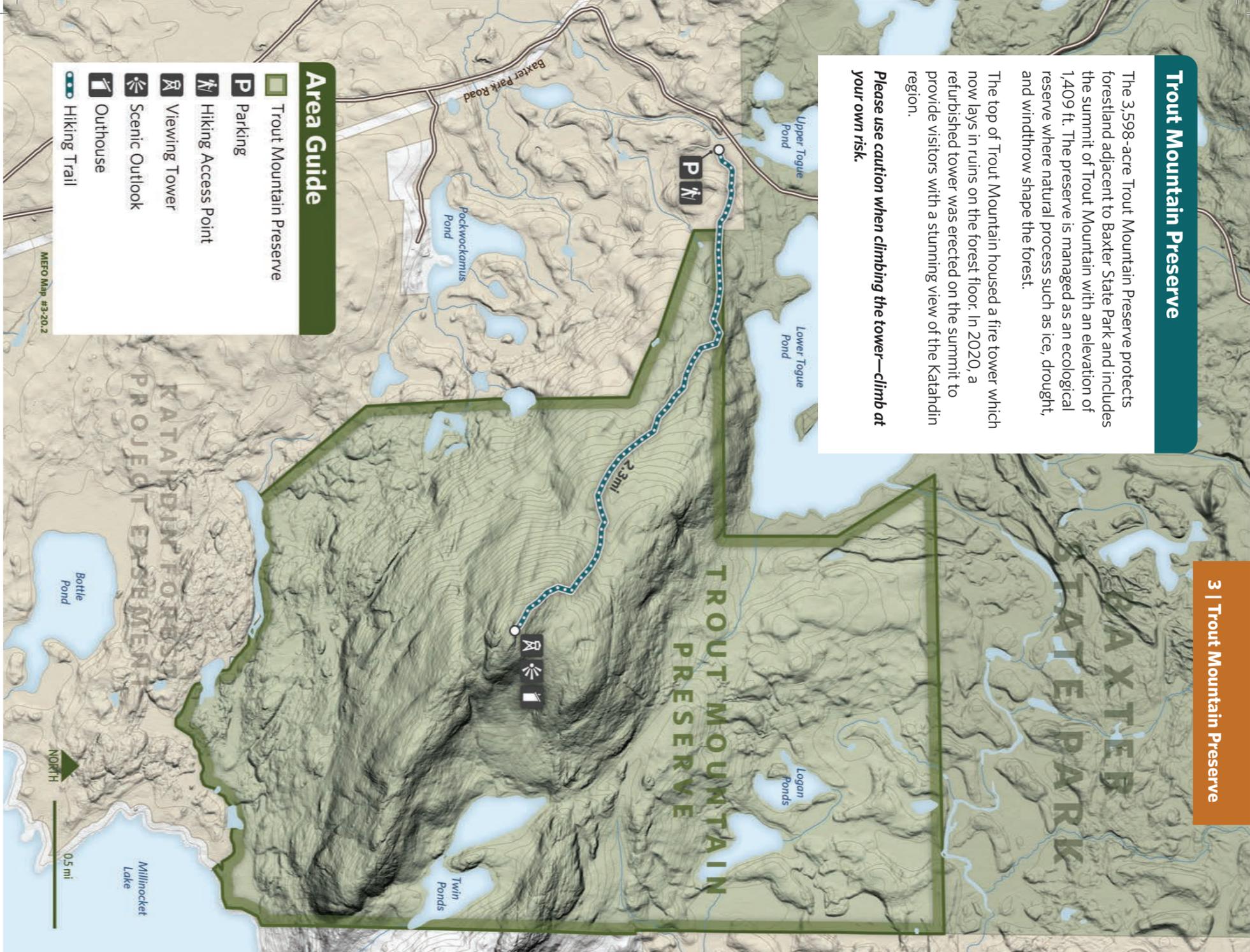
## Trout Mountain Preserve

The 3,598-acre Trout Mountain Preserve protects forestland adjacent to Baxter State Park and includes the summit of Trout Mountain with an elevation of 1,409 ft. The preserve is managed as an ecological reserve where natural process such as ice, drought, and windthrow shape the forest.

The top of Trout Mountain housed a fire tower which now lays in ruins on the forest floor. In 2020, a refurbished tower was erected on the summit to provide visitors with a stunning view of the Katahdin region.

**Please use caution when climbing the tower—climb at your own risk.**

## 3 | Trout Mountain Preserve



### Please remember

*These preserves protect important forest and wetland habitats, are home to native wildlife, and are open for public enjoyment.*

*Please respect others and enjoy your visit.*

 Follow all state laws and regulations when hunting and fishing. To protect the native fish, do not discard any live bait in or near the water.

 Motor vehicles are restricted to designated roads. All terrain vehicles and bicycles are not permitted.

Snowmobiles must follow designated trails. Maps are available from local snowmobile clubs.

Generators and motorized tools disturb the wilderness experience for others and are not permitted.

 To avoid disturbance of native wildlife and introduction of invasive plant species, horses, pets and other domestic animals are not permitted—*exception*: dogs are welcome on the Ice Cave Trail only and must be leashed at all times. Please carry out pet waste.

Except as hunting and fishing laws allow, do not collect or remove plants or animals from the preserve.

Pack it in, pack it out! Remove all belongings and trash.



Protecting nature. Preserving life.

*Our mission is to conserve the lands and waters on which all life depends.*

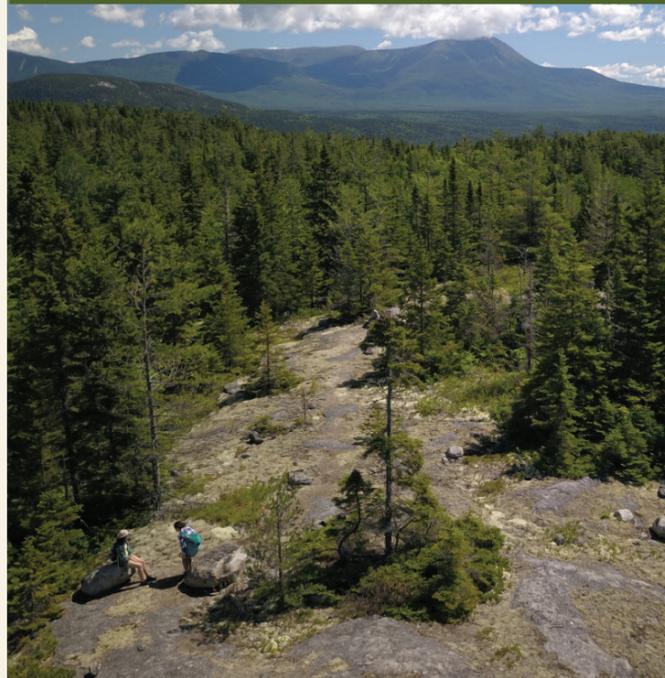
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## Debsconeag Lakes Wilderness Area and Trout Mountain



### TRAIL MAP AND VISITOR'S GUIDE

*Experience the wild and remote beauty of Maine's North Woods.*



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## Debsconeag Lakes Wilderness Area

Debsconeag Lakes Wilderness Area (DLWA) is a 46,271-acre ecological reserve owned and managed by The Nature Conservancy. DLWA was established in 2002 for the protection of the native fish, wildlife, forest, and wetland habitats found here, and for the recreational enjoyment of the people who visit.

Native people named this area *Debsconeag* (pronounced *debs-con-egg*), meaning *carrying place*, because of the many portage trails used here to carry canoes between lakes and ponds and around river rapids.

215 plant species have been documented in DLWA and an abundance of wildlife inhabits this rich forest.

## Camping & fires

**Camp only in designated campsites.** Divide large groups into multiple campsites if necessary.

Camping is on a first-come, first-served basis. No reservations or fees required.

Camping is limited to a two-week maximum stay. Do not leave camping gear unattended overnight or store any gear on the preserve.

Latrines have been placed at an appropriate distance from campsites and water. Please use the latrines.

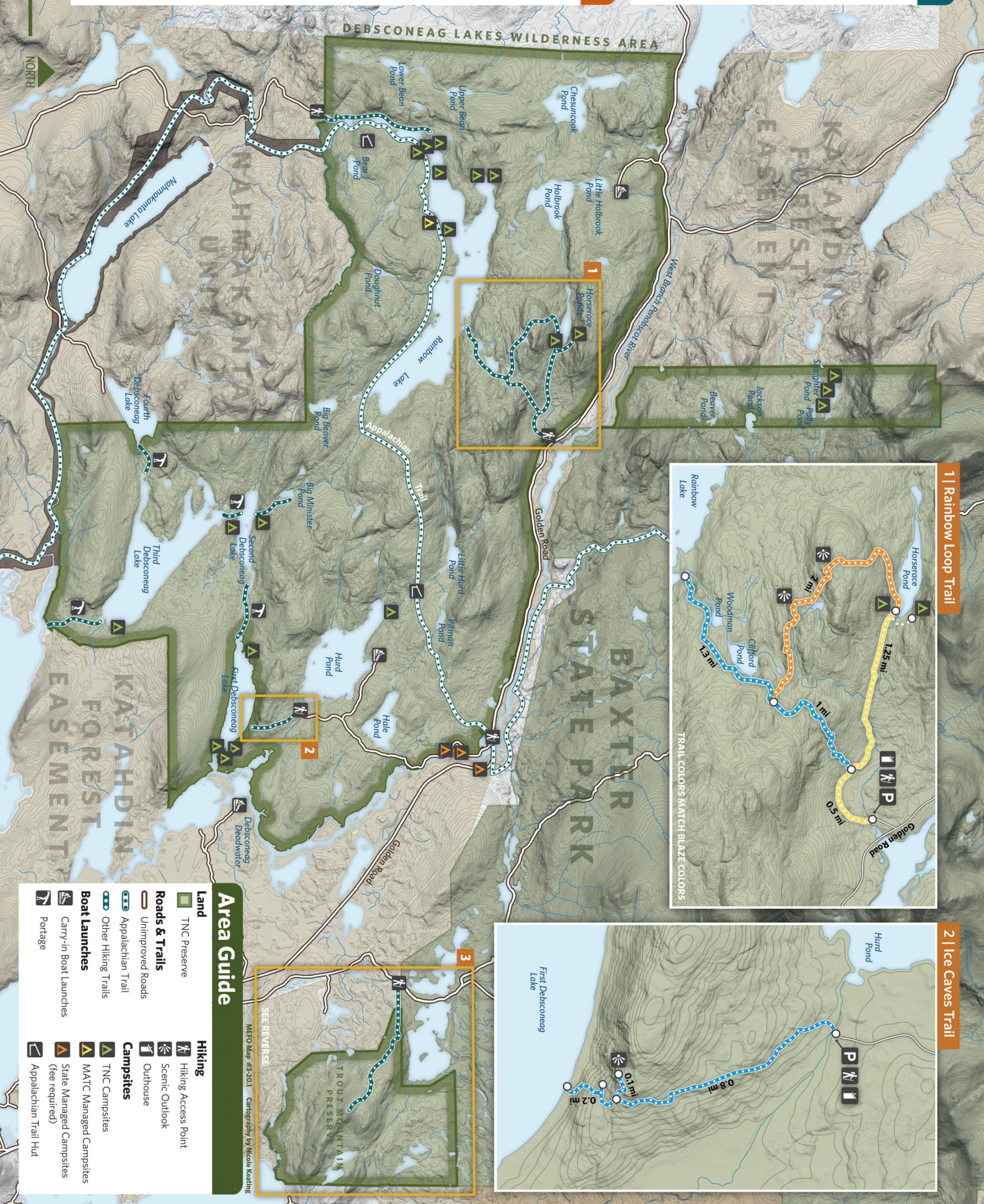
Wash yourself and your dishes away from lakes and streams and use small amounts of biodegradable soap only if needed.

Sorry, dogs are not permitted at campsites.

**Campfires are allowed only in existing fire rings at designated locations marked with fire permit signs.**

Collect and burn only dead and downed wood. Do not cut or remove dead wood from within 25 feet of streams or shorelines.

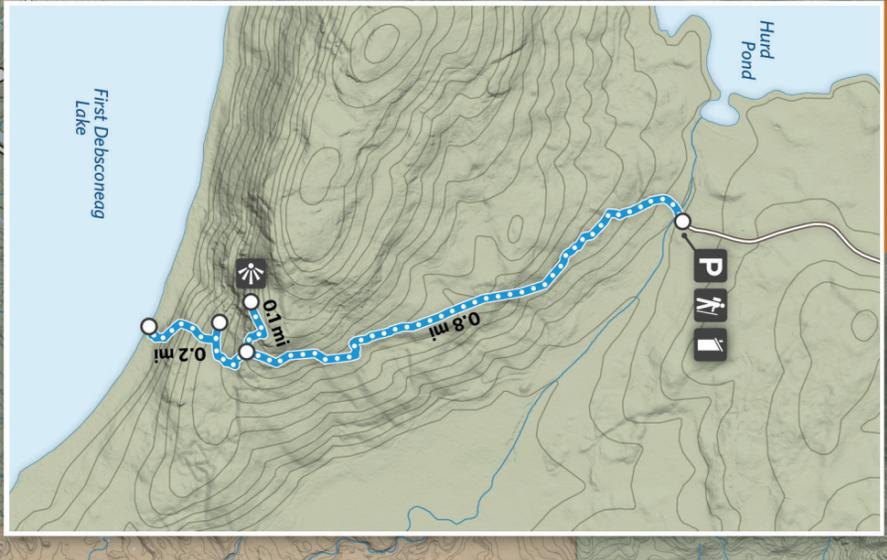
Keep campfires small and under control. Be certain your fire is completely extinguished.



### 1 | Rainbow Loop Trail



### 2 | Ice Caves Trail



## Area Guide

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| <b>Land</b>               | TNC Preserve           | <b>Hiking</b>  | Hiking Access Point                    |
| <b>Roads &amp; Trails</b> | Unimproved Roads       | Scenic Outlook | Campsites                              |
|                           | Appalachian Trail      | Outhouse       | TNC Campsites                          |
|                           | Other Hiking Trails    | Picnics        | MATC Managed Campsites                 |
| <b>Boat Launches</b>      | Carry-in Boat Launches | Picnics        | State Managed Campsites (fee required) |
|                           | Portage                | Picnics        | Appalachian Trail Hut                  |

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