



Dave Pomeroy's sketch of Baxter Peak from Pamola

**REGISTRATION FORM FOR HIGHPOINTERS CONVENTION**  
*Millinocket, Maine July 18-20, 2013*

Use this form for everyone in your group, and note age of children.  
 Registration is required to attend Convention events.

Make your check payable to "Highpointers - ME13 - Convention"  
 and mail along with a copy of this form to:

**Highpointers Convention, PO Box 574, Goffstown, NH 03045**

Send questions to host **Mick Dunn**, mickfords@gmail.com

This will be the Club's 27th convention (circle all attended)  
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 HI, MD, OK, IL, WA, NH, NC, WI, AZ, NJ, MS, OH, OR, ME

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**Convention Fee - Adults:** \$65 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Convention Fee - Children (12 or under):** \$35 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt sizes from which to choose are . . . CHILD: XS, S, M, L ADULT: S, M, L, XL, XXL

Give us an idea of your interest in various events by indicating below.

- 1) **Have you climbed Katahdin before?** Yes No Tried
- 2) **Do you intend to climb Katahdin during Kovention week?** Yes No If so, how many in your group? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) **Which day(s) do you plan on hiking Katahdin?** Mon 7-15, Tue 7-16, Wed 7-17, Thu 7-18, Fri 7-19, Sat 7-20, Sun 7-21  
*[We strongly recommend you avoid Saturday, because it's crowded that day, and we don't want you to rush for the banquet]*
- 4) **Are you interested in experiencing a Moose Safari?** Yes No
- 5) **Are you interested in an early-riser trek to Mars Hill to view the Nation's First Sunrise?** Yes No, Just Let Me Sleep
- 6) **Are you interested in group hikes to local County Highpoints?** Yes No
- 7) **Will you want to utilize our Car Pool system to the Baxter State Park entrance?** Yes No
- 8) **Would you consider joining our Car Pool Team?** Yes No If yes, what days? Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun
- 9) **Are you interested in doing an overnight or multi-night backpack into the core of the park?** Yes No

# MAINE 2013 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## By Mick Dunn

Pre-convention activities run from Monday July 15 - Friday July 19, and official Convention activities occur Friday July 19 and Saturday July 20. All dates and times subject to alteration.

**Daily, Mon-Fri** (4-5 AM arrival at BSP gate) Managed car-pool excursions into BSP/Katahdin. Sign-up with Convention Chair (aka Host) **Mick Dunn** at [mickfords@gmail.com](mailto:mickfords@gmail.com)

**Daily, Thu-Sat** (2:30 AM departure from Millinocket or meet-up at Mars Hill) Nation's First Sunrise at Mars Hill, Maine. Excursions depend upon demand. Contact **Mick** at [mickfords@gmail.com](mailto:mickfords@gmail.com) for details & sign-up.

**Daily, Thu-Sat** Moose Safaris. Folks can schedule their own, if they choose, thru one of the three companies I've already sent you info on. But on these days we will have two excursions a day on Thu and Fri, and one earlier excursion on Sat with the folks at New England Outdoor Center on pontoon boats. Excursions depend upon demand. Exact times TBD but one will be early in the day and one will be in the afternoon. Club members will need to pay for their safari. We are simply providing a forum with expected group savings to the club membership through NEOC. Contact Mick...

**Daily, Fri & Sat** Back by popular demand will be the Knot Tying and Compass/Orienteering Seminars by **Alan Ritter**. He plans on having two 1 and a half hour long seminars each day at 9-10:30 AM and 1-2:30 PM. Sign-up will be with Alan. Have folks register with him at [jar@mritter.org](mailto:jar@mritter.org).

**Thu, Fri, Sat - Thom Davis** will lead a Geology Tour/Seminar in BSP, likely on Thu. He will also have a Katahdin Geology Seminar presentation/slide show in the atrium at the host hotel on Fri & Sat depending upon

demand. All details through Thom. Info and sign-up at [pdavis@bentley.edu](mailto:pdavis@bentley.edu).

**Wed** - County HP excursion led by **John & Dave** to East Turner Mtn (Penobscot Co) will take most of the day. Meet at 7:00 AM in lobby of Katahdin Inn. Alert **Fred Lobdell** who will compile names of those interested [fplobdell@embarqmail.com](mailto:fplobdell@embarqmail.com)

**Thu** - Meet **Dave Covill** at 8:00 AM in lobby of Katahdin Inn for a car-pool to the Washington County HP and West Quoddy Head (lighthouse and eastern extreme of Lower 48 states), ending in Ellsworth (near Bar Harbor and Acadia National Park) for a dock-side lobster dinner. Others may wish to go direct to Acadia to spend the day and join Dave's group for dinner at 5:00 PM. Contact Dave at: [Dave\\_Covill@eogresources.com](mailto:Dave_Covill@eogresources.com)

**Thu** - Icebreaker, 4 PM, at the Blue Ox Saloon, 61 Penobscot Avenue, Millinocket, food & drink available.

**Fri** - County HP excursion led by **John & Dave** to Peaked Mtn (Aroostook Co) will take half the day for this 2-hour hike. Meet at 7:00 AM in lobby of Katahdin Inn. Let **Fred** know of your interest (see Wed. event).

**Fri** - Liar's Club Social, 5 PM to 11 PM, at the Penobscot Outdoor Center (NEOC) at Pockwockamus Pond overlooking Katahdin. Food will be served as well as a cash bar.

**Sat AM:** Pancake breakfast at Northern Timber Cruisers clubhouse (snowmobile club) near Millinocket. Starts at 8 AM. Included free with Registration.

**Sat PM:** Banquet at Elks Lodge in Millinocket. The Social with cash bar begins at 5 PM. The Banquet will start at 7 PM. followed by the General Membership meeting.

## Baxter State Park

Most important website [www.baxter-stateparkauthority.com/index.htm](http://www.baxter-stateparkauthority.com/index.htm). Get to know this website well if you plan on getting to the summit of Katahdin (particularly from a campsite within BSP) or just camping within BSP.

## Maine 2013 on FaceBook

Search "Maine 2013 Highpointers Konvention" for photos, posts, and latest Konvention news. Click "like" to stay informed.

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Maine-2013-Highpointers-Konvention/277217075630691>

## First Sunrise at Mars Hill

Contact **Mick Dunn** if you want to join a group to view the Nation's First Sunrise from atop Mars Hill. [mickfords@gmail.com](mailto:mickfords@gmail.com)

We'll get up at 2 AM to see the 5 AM sunrise (drive 1.5 hrs, hike up trail to summit). **Bill Getman**, manager of the Big Rock ski area is our point man. After our sunrise, we'll replenish at **Al's Diner**. 87 Main Street

## Tips for Success on Katahdin

- \* Arrive early (4am) at the park gate
- \* We'll need volunteer car pool drivers, so those who've summited Katahdin may help in this way.
- \* Spread your climbs throughout the week (Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri) so everyone is not climbing on Sat.

## No Club Hike

Baxter State Park regulations don't allow Club-sponsored hikes to the summit of Katahdin nor hiker shuttles between trailheads.

## Car Pool

We'll have a Car Pool system to the Park entrance, with no guarantees of entry, per automobile parking availability inside the Park. We must maximize car space availability. An empty car seat is a wasted resource!

**C. Kenneth Foit** suggests members read "Lost on a Mountain in Maine" before attending ME-13.



# MAINE MUSINGS - PART IV

## Final Bits and Tidbits for Our Upcoming Konvention

By Bill Guenther  
Newfane, Vermont

In this last and final article before our big get together, I'll offer an array of other things that I hope will be helpful.

### Guidebook & Maps

First off, any serious hiker needs a good paper map. This Luddite would never rely on one on an electronic device because if you run out of juice, you run out of map. The gold standard map for Baxter used to be produced by Delorme map Company of Freeport, Maine but they have gone more digital and no longer produce one. To my knowledge, there are currently 4 good maps available for Baxter State Park.

The Park now produces the guidebook known as "Katahdin, A Guide to Baxter State Park" (7th Edition) that comes with a very good map. The Park sells copies of this guidebook as well as the next 3 maps that are referenced. The map from the guidebook can be purchased separately.

The other three maps are "Katahdin, Baxter State Park" by Map Adventures, National Geographic's Trail Illustrated series called "Baxter State Park" and the Appalachian Mountain Club's "Maine Mountains Trail Map". I think the best one is the Map Adventures version which has a nice added feature of listing the mileage between trail junctions. The Park office sells all of these versions and I encourage folks to support the park by making your purchases there.

### Is it Katahdin or Mt. Katahdin?

This interesting debate pops up from time to time. The local Native Americans, The Penobscot Nation, referred to the mountain as simply "Katahdin," which means "The Greatest Mountain," however it is often called Mouni (Mt.) Katahdin.

Of the four maps mentioned above, three of them use "Katahdin." I prefer to refer to the Maine HP as the Native Americans have done, so I encourage the use of "Katahdin." It is sort've akin to what you choose to call the Alaskan HP, Denali or McKinley. Out of respect for those here long

before most of us Caucasians, Katahdin is the best choice. For those followers of Thoreau, he referred to it as "Ktaadn."

### The Much Less Visited North End of the Park

Over 80% of Baxter State Parks visitors enter via the Togue Pond Gatehouse (south end of Park) and never venture farther north of Foster Field on the perimeter road. The most likely reason is that all of the Katahdin trailheads are south of this point. For folks who have limited themselves to just the south end of the park, they have indeed missed some of the less traveled treasures of the Park.

On my living room wall is a spectacular picture I took of South Branch Pond, taken at the height of the brilliant luminescent New England Fall foliage season. The picture which I've entitled "The Closest Place to Paradise" shows the Lower of the two South Branch Ponds, of which there is also Upper South Branch Pond.

Geologic activity many thousands of years ago caused a slide that pinched off a large pond making two that are connected by a stream a few hundred yards long. These spectacular tarns (with 4 feet of elevation difference) are tucked in a fjordlike valley between North Traveler and South Branch Mountains and have a unique oddity in that the water flow is from south to north, atypical for New England.

There are several great hikes in this area, from a half mile to all-day 10 mile affairs. The Ledges are a great short hike and the Traveler Loop gets you out in the wilderness with several summits attained. Be prepared for a long driving trip though, as it is 38 miles from the Togue Pond Gatehouse up to South Branch and that will be a nearly two hour trip each way, but it's well worth it!

### Moose

The largest mammal in the Park is usually pretty easy to find if you know when and where to look. Moose are most active at dawn and shortly thereafter and at dusk. They love to feed on aquatic plants and will typically be found in the more shallow ponds in Baxter, especially those that are only single digits in depth.

Perhaps the best place for moose viewing in the entire park is

Sandy Stream Pond. This short, virtually level hike is only about a half mile walk from Roaring Brook Campground and one can do a neat 2.5 mile loop.

If you see moose, remember that these neat critters are wild animals. Enjoy them at a distance and NEVER try to get up close to feed them (illegal in the park) or go for that close-up picture. While normally docile, then can get agitated and charge, causing serious injury or possibly even death. Males can weigh up to 1,500 pounds and you don't want that amount of meat bearing down on you.

We will be too early for the fall mating season (known as "the rut") which can be both interesting and terrifying when the males can get beyond feisty. I've had a couple of close calls during this time when the guys seek out the gals.

### Water

There is no certified potable water available in the park. They used to have a few pumps and springs that had excellent water, but revised federal guidelines required these systems to be removed. So now you must treat all water by boiling, iodine tablets, or the various filter systems available. Another option is to bring in your own spring water or bottled water.

### Group Size

This year the park adopted a new Rule that hiking groups would be limited to no more than 12 persons. Affiliated hiking groups must also be at least 1 mile apart. I am hopeful that our Klub members will be spreading out their hikes throughout the week so that we are fully compliant with this new reg.

### Friends of Baxter State Park

About 10 years ago this 501C(3) non-profit group came into being. Their mission is "working to preserve, support, and enhance the wilderness character of Baxter State Park in the spirit of its founder, Percival P. Baxter." This is a great group that provides a broad array of support from supplying volunteer trail crews, hosting a wilderness program for teens, to commenting on new policy and in general, being a strong advocate for this incredible wilderness paradise. I encourage those who wish to support a great organization to check them out at [www.friendsofbaxter.org](http://www.friendsofbaxter.org)

That's all for now...  
see you in Millinocket in July!!!



## LODGING DURING MAINE 2013 CONVENTION

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**Katahdin Inn and Suites** (Host Hotel - ask for Highpointers discount)  
katahdininnandsuites.com (877) 902-4555

**Baxter Park Inn** baxterparkinn.com (866) 633-9777

**Appalachian Trail Lodge** appalachaintrailodge.com (207) 723-4321

**5 Lakes Lodge** 5lakeslodge.com (207) 723-5045

**Big Moose Inn** bigmoosecabins.com (877) 666-7346

Medway - - -

**Gateway Inn** (503) 272-3325

**Rivers Edge Hotel** (207) 746-3890

## CAMPING DURING MAINE 2013 CONVENTION

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**Wilderness Edge Campground** - owner **Ann Hallett** contacted us to add her campground to this list. They are the closest to the park (15 miles), and they have water and electric hookup, hot showers, flush toilets, pool, and playground. Highpointers get 20% off their stay!

71 Millinocket Road (207) 447-8485 [Wildernessedgecampground.com](http://Wildernessedgecampground.com)

**Baxter State Park** [baxterstateparkauthority.com](http://baxterstateparkauthority.com) (207) 723-5140

**Abol Bridge Campground** at PO Box 536

**Nesowadnehunk Lake Wilderness Campground**  
[mainerec.com/nesowadnehunk](http://mainerec.com/nesowadnehunk)

**Big Moose Inn** bigmoosecabins.com (877) 666-7346

**Bowlin Camps Moose Safari** [bowlincamps.com](http://bowlincamps.com) (207) 528-2022

Medway - - -

**Pine Grove Campground & Cottages**  
[pinegrovecampgroundandcottages.com](http://pinegrovecampgroundandcottages.com) (207) 746-5172

**Katahdin Shadows Campground**  
[katahdinshadows.com](http://katahdinshadows.com) (800) 794-5267

### Rent a House for the Konvention!

Hotel too tight? B&B too quaint? Camping too rough? How about renting a house? Three bedroom, 1.5 bath, full kitchen, dining & living areas, with linens. 1 mile from Millinocket on Katahdin Avenue.

Jason & Linda [jlsprops@yahoo.com](mailto:jlsprops@yahoo.com) (207) 415-5144

### Major Trails in Baxter State Park

There are 46 mountain peaks and ridges, 18 of which an elevation of exceed 3,000'. The park is intersected by about 175 miles of trails, ranging from 0.43 mile to 15.10 miles. For a list of trail names and lengths go to [www.katahdinoutdoors.com/bsp/trails.html](http://www.katahdinoutdoors.com/bsp/trails.html)

- submitted by Bill Wentzel

## FUN ACTIVITIES DURING

### Rafting & Moose Safari

New England Outdoor Center  
[neoc.com](http://neoc.com) (800) 766-7238

### Moose Safaris

Bowlin Camps Moose Safari  
[bowlincamps.com](http://bowlincamps.com) (207) 528-2022

Maine-ly Photos  
[mainelyphotos.com](http://mainelyphotos.com) (207) 723-5465

### Scenic Flights

Katahdin Air [katahdinair.com](http://katahdinair.com) (207) 723-8378

West Branch Aviation (207) 723-4375

### Information

Katahdin Area Chamber of Commerce  
[katahdinmaine.com](http://katahdinmaine.com) (207) 723-4443

## FOOD NEAR KATAHDIN INN

**House of Pizza** - 200' walk to shopping plaza  
**Ruthie's Restaurant** - 10 minute walk to the Hotel Terrace (steak, seafood, pizza)

One mile downhill to downtown Millinocket:

**Appalachian Trail Cafe** - breakfast & lunch to hang with the locals

**Scootie Inn** - lunch & dinner, great varied menu

### FAQ

The Katahdin climb is 3.8 miles by the Abol Slide Trail, 5.2 miles by the Hunt Trail, and 5.5 miles by Chimney Pond & Saddle Trails.

The premier loop hike goes from Roaring Brook to Chimney Pond, up Cathedral Trail, down Knife Edge to Pamola Peak, and down Helon Taylor Trail to Roaring Brook. This is 9.2 miles and Bill Guenther would plan on 10 hrs to do it.

Baxter State Park rules require you to carry a working flashlight on hikes.

Be prepared for a long day if you to drive from Millinocket to enter BSP early, hike Katahdin, and drive back to the host hotel. It's better to stay overnight in the park, or to backpack into Chimney Pond.

Despite the New England saying, "You can't get there from here," you can go to Mansfield (Vermont HP) by taking I-95 down past Bangor and get off at Newport to pick up US 2 west to Waterbury or Burlington where you can reach Mansfield from the east or west, respectively. This route goes through Gorham, NH (hint: Mt W.).