

MAP INTERPRETATION

Suites of High Value Nature Tourism Experiences: The MRFC has circled areas of exceptional outdoor experiences that are necessary to sustain and grow the region's nature based economy. These areas contain much of our "green infrastructure" and create the unique "Moosehead Brand" of north woods experiences that will attract travelers and enrich residents' lives. Development on or near many of these resources may degrade essential experiences, reduce the wild-feeling "appeal" of outdoor recreation, and threaten the region's nature based economy.

(Italics: *enhanced or future nature tourism experiences*)

- A. Moosehead Lake Trail: last remaining undeveloped areas on west shore; traditional Native American & early settler water routes/trails between Kennebec and Penobscot watersheds, remote beaches (pebble and sand) for swimming/picnicking; remote stream canoeing & kayaking, and wildlife watching/habitat on Socatean Stream; historical property (Ogontz). Hunting, wildlife watching. *Boat access & campsites for Northern Forest Canoe Trail and historical Thoreau/Wabanaki Trail; remote kayaking & canoeing, fishing, wildlife watching, experiences; shoreline hiking, biking, skiing trails linked to interior elevations and abutting Seboomook Public Lands; destination horseback riding trail system; perimeter interior lands connect ATV loop trail around lake (offering spur trail access to Moosehead & screened parking to facilitate swimming and picnicking).*

- B. Moosehead East Recreation Area: Extensive public shorelines (Sugar Island, Spencer Bay shores and south toward Lily Bay; public campsites, boat launches, abuts public lands on Kineo Peninsula and Kineo Mountain); swimming, remote boating, canoeing & kayaking, wildlife habitat & watching; winter shelter for deer; Lily Bay State Park (lakeside camping, beaches, trails, boat launch & docks, picnic areas, ski trails); Roach River Wildlife Management Area: fishing for trout and salmon, whitewater paddling; ATV trail on/near north shore; snowmobile trail to Greenville and around Moosehead Lake; First Roach Pond: public boat launch, some conserved shoreline, campground. Second and Third Roach Ponds: sporting camps, swimming, remote fishing, wind protected canoeing & kayaking, hunting, skiing, wildlife watching, some campsites. Remote pond fishing (trout), paddling, wildlife watching. Remote mountain hiking. *People powered trails that link Greenville and Moosehead East areas (loop bike trail from Greenville to Burnt Jacket Mountain, Lily Bay State Park, Kokadjo, and Elephant Mt. region). Multi day Moosehead Loop Hiking & Backpacking Trail (winter: skiing/snowshoe). South side of Roach River, hiking/fisherman's trail connecting to hiking trail on southeastern shores of Spencer Bay with hike-in/backpacking camp sites. Wildlife watching blinds and interpretive sites.*

- C. Prong Pond Family Recreation Area/Burnt Jacket Reserve: Public boat launch, stocked fishing, popular family fishing/picnicking close to Greenville. Wind protected canoeing & kayaking. Unique bog is education site for nature field trips and wildlife watching. Winter shelter for deer. *Boardwalk nature trail from public landing to bog. Wildlife watching blinds and interpretive sites. Water accessible picnic areas on traditionally used points of land; increased public ownership of north shores.* Burnt Jacket Mountain: short, popular hiking trails to exposed summit and exceptional views of Moose Mt. range and sunsets. Hunting, wildlife watching. *Bike/hike, ski trail connecting Burnt Jacket trails to Greenville/Lily Bay/Elephant trails (bike/hike/ski). Mountain access, parking, summit and trails in public or land trust ownership.*
- D. Wilson Pond Wildlife Sanctuary: Remote-feeling boating, fishing, and wind protected canoeing & kayaking; high concentrations of breeding loons; wetland areas, hunting and wildlife habitat/watching. *Hand carry boat launch, water accessible picnic areas. Wildlife watching blinds and interpretive sites. Hiking trail: Wilson Pond to and alongside Wilson Stream.*
- E. Kennebec Headwaters: Traditional Native American and early settler water routes between Kennebec and Penobscot watersheds. Area provides high value winter shelter for deer. West Outlet of the Kennebec River: public lands easement on most shorelines, fishing for trout, salmon, bass; remote Class I (beginner) river canoeing & kayaking.. East Outlet of the Kennebec (most intensively used river segment in project area): hand carry boat launches, Class II & III whitewater paddling; sporting camps, popular fly fishing river (trout, salmon); drift boat & guiding services; commercially outfitted trips and experiential outdoor programs. Indian Pond: boating and wind protected canoeing & kayaking, bass fishing, campsites (road and water sites), swimming, High value, diverse wildlife watching/breeding area (eagles, loons, osprey, deer, moose, herons, otters, wading shore birds, etc). Eagle Rock hiking trail. Area connects trails (snowmobile, ATV) between Rockwood and Greenville. *Hiking/ski trail (northwest shore of East Outlet) from Moosehead Lake to Indian Pond. Wildlife watching trails, viewing blinds. Western Mountains Foundation state-wide trail system with hut accommodations on Indian Pond.*
- F. Cold Stream Reserve: remote trout ponds, fishing river, wildlife habitat/watching. *Wildlife watching blinds and interpretive sites. Coburn Mt. multi-use trail system to utilize "snow belt" high elevation trails as reliable winter corridor to Jackman, the Forks, and Moosehead Region.*
- G. Moose River Brassua Corridor: Undeveloped shorelines, Class II-IV whitewater paddling, fishing (river and lake), remote wind protected lake canoeing & kayaking (northern coves and wetlands). Hunting and wildlife habitat/watching. Winter shelter for deer. *Hand carry launches and takeouts, drift boat services (fishing) and commercial whitewater outfitting on Moose*

River, remote paddling/boating picnic areas/campsites in northern coves, wildlife watching blinds and interpretive sites, river and shoreline trails (hike, bike, ski) on north shore of Moose River and Brassua shorelines connecting with Moosehead Trail (on Big W TWP lands) and Seboomook Public Lands.

- H. Thorndike Refuge: High value remote pond fisheries (trout); wind protected canoeing & kayaking, wildlife habitat/watching.. Undeveloped shorelines. Hunting; winter shelter for deer. *Wildlife watching blinds and interpretive sites.*

- I. Moose (Squaw) Mt. Resort Area: Squaw Mt. Ski Area (lodge and hotel), snowmobile and ATV trails, public boat launch at Mt. View Pond, fishing, swimming (sand beach), wind protected canoeing & kayaking, wildlife habitat/watching, hiking trails. Seasonal Outward Bound basecamp. Exceptional lake and mountain views (Kineo, Borstone, Elephant Mountains, Mt. Katahdin range). Adjoins public lands hiking trails and Moose Ponds Unit (remote pond fishing, hiking, camping). *Revitalized ski resort with all lifts and trails open. Nordic ski center with groomed and backcountry ski and snowshoe trails, guided Snowcat skiing, golf course, full service resort.*