Androscoggin Riverlands State Park

Overview

The Androscoggin Riverlands State Park is a 4,622-acre complex encompassing 14 miles of riverfront. More than half of Maine’s population lives within an hour’s drive of this park, which is the fifth largest in the State. An extensive trail network and undeveloped lands offer abundant recreational opportunities and habitat for wildlife. The Park spans the larger Androscoggin Greenway and the Androscoggin River Water Trail. The Park is open year-round 9 a.m. to sunset, but is gated and closed to all use (except snowmobile access) during the winter months except for foot traffic between the end of snowmobile season and May 15. The Park is part of the larger Androscoggin Greenway and the abundant recreational opportunities and habitat for wildlife.

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Leaves Lands (330 acres)

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While there are many opportunities for trail-based recreation, not all trails are open to all uses. Please read the map and trail descriptions to determine which trails are appropriate for your chosen activity. Hunting is popular on these lands, be sure to wear highly visible clothing (blaze orange is recommended) in fall and spring.

**Old River Road Trail**
This 9.5-mile trail forms a central corridor through the Turner parcel. Its entire length is open to ATVs, hiking, mountain biking, and equestrian use. Sections (see map) are open to snowmobiling, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing. The southernmost section, the Old River Road Primitive Trail, is a technical trail for experienced ATV riders. ATV's must use the north entrance parking area for off-loading.

**Homestead Trail**
Provides riverside hiking featuring historical home foundations. Travel 1.1-miles from the northern parking lot to the Picnic Meadow, and extend your hike 1.0-mile by following the Old River Road Trail to the juncture with the Old River Road Trail which can be used as a return route 1.8-miles to the main entrance.

**Porcupine Path**
Is a 1.5-mile single track MTB trail that leads to a picnic meadow. This easy to moderate trail includes switchbacks and a bridge.

**Ridge Trail**
Provides scenic views on a ledge outcrop overlooking the river into the hills of the town of Greene. This 1.4-mile trail is located within the interior of the park. There are various access points; please give ample time to hike this section.

**Deer Path Trail**
Is home to many wildlife species and begins by crossing over a stream in the interior woods of the park. This 1.5 mile trail can be reached various ways; please allow ample time for this hike.

**Bradford Loop Trail**
Can be accessed from the north end of the park by following the Old River Road Trail. This 2.4-mile loop is in the interior of the park; please allow ample time for this hike. At the north end of the loop, there is a narrow, steep approach with a high potential for brush. Please carry appropriate equipment/materials. This is a technical ATV trail; hiking is not recommended due to safety concerns.

**Bradford Hill Trail**
Provides a challenging 0.9-mile hike in the interior woods of the park ending near a scenic outcrop. This loop can be accessed from the southern entrance; please allow ample time for this hike.

**Pine Loop Trail**
Provides a challenging 2.5-mile hike, partially running along the river. This loop can be accessed from the southern entrance of the park.

**Ledges Trail**
Provides a challenging hike ascending upwards to a viewpoint overlooking the river (junction of Ridge Trail). This 0.5-mile trail is located in the interior of the park and includes two stone staircases; please allow ample time to hike this section.

**Fox Run Trail**
Provides scenic views of a stream, ending at a bog where wildlife can often be spotted. This 1.0-mile long trail is in the interior of the Park and can be reached by various routes; please allow ample time to hike or bike this section.

**Harrington Path**
Bike trail runs 1.5-miles into the park, starting near the north entrance and ending at the Picnic Meadow. It can also be used as a shortcut for hikers, snowshoers, and skiers that are returning to the main parking lot from the Picnic Meadow.