

## **SCENIC DRIVES**

As summer turns to fall, the transition in the Moosehead Lake area is extraordinary. Autumn displays brilliant hues of red, yellow and orange. The typical "leafpeeping" season is from mid-September thru mid-October. The change in the landscape from the greens of summer is breathtaking.

There are several scenic loops for those traveling by automobile. It also a wonderful time of year for hikers to trek along our many mountain paths and nature trails. Whatever your mode of transportation may be, make the Moosehead Lake region the leafpeeping destination for you! We highly recommend that you pick up The Maine Atlas and Gazetteer at one of the shops in Greenville. This will give you very detailed maps of the entire Moosehead region, so that you don't miss out on any scenic roads!

### **Trip 1 (Greenville-Rockwood-Jackman-Bingham-Abbot Loop):**

A half day trip (about 150 miles) that takes you past lakes, mountain views, and a scenic river valley. There are several towns to stop in for souvenirs, a cup of coffee, and a good lunch.

**Directions:** From downtown Greenville take Route 15 north through Rockwood to Jackman. Turn left on Route 201 south to Bingham. Turn left on Route 16 east to Abbot Village. Turn left on Route 6/15 north back to Greenville. Paved road. Open year round.

### **Trip 2 (Greenville-Kokadjo):**

This trip is about 20 miles one way, and will take you up the eastern shore of Moosehead Lake, past the spectacular overlook at Blair Hill (check this out at sunset!), past moose bogs, ponds, and fabulous mountain views. There is a trading post at Kokadjo where you can get food and souvenirs. **Directions:** From downtown Greenville take the Lily Bay Road north 20 miles to Kokadjo. Paved road. Open year round.

### **Trip 3 (Greenville-Rockwood):**

This trip is about 20 miles one way, and will take you up the western side of Moosehead Lake, past Big Moose Mountain, the East and West Outlets to the Kennebec River, and will treat you to magnificent views of Mount Kineo in Rockwood. There is a country store in Rockwood that serves sandwiches and baked goods. You may also turn down into the Rockwood town landing for another country store and a closer view of Mount Kineo. A boat shuttle runs on the hour out to the island of Mount Kineo in the summer. **Directions:** From downtown Greenville take Route 15 north 20 miles to Rockwood. Paved road. Open year round.

### **Trip 4 (Greenville-Shirley Railroad Bed Loop):**

This loop is about 15 miles, and will take you down the railroad bed from Greenville to Shirley. You will pass scenic bogs with moose and other wildlife. **Directions:** From downtown Greenville take Route 15 (Pritham Avenue) north for 1.3 miles to Greenville Junction. After passing under the railroad trestle, turn left on Depot Street. This will turn into a gravel road. Stay left at the fork (if you get to the Greenville Landfill you didn't stay left!). Follow this road until it ends in Shirley. Turn left. Turn left again onto Route 15/6 to back to Greenville. Gravel road. Passable in late spring, summer, and fall.

### **Trip 5 (Greenville-Big Squaw Mountain Resort):**

This trip is about 6 miles one way. It will take you up to the upper lodge at Big Squaw Mountain Resort. The views of Moosehead Lake, Mount Kineo, and Mount Katahdin (the snow covered peak in the distance) are unbeatable. Bring a camera for this one!! **Directions:** From downtown Greenville take Route 15 north for about 6 miles. Turn left at the sign for Big Squaw Mountain Resort. Follow the access road until it ends at the upper ski lodge. Paved road. Open year round.

### **Trip 6 (Greenville-Monson-Willimantic Loop):**

This loop is about 45 miles long. It will take you by spectacular views of Borestone and Barren Mountains, plus over a couple of scenic bridges on Wilson Stream. There are sprawling fields and old New England farmhouses. If you need refreshment, there are a couple of eating stops in Monson. **Directions:** From downtown Greenville go south on Route 15 toward Monson. Just after the Monson town line turn left on the Elliotsville Road. After you cross Wilson Stream and pass Borestone Mountain (stay sharp right), the Elliotsville Road turns to gravel. You will cross Wilson Stream again on a bridge with iron grates. Turn right onto Route 150. After 3-4 miles turn right on to North Guilford Road. When this road ends turn right onto Route 6/15 in Monson. This road will lead you back to Greenville. Mostly paved road. Open year round.