

## Accessibility Accommodations for Recreationists on Public Reserved Lands -9/22/15

Public recreation facilities on public reserved lands are generally of types: boat access facilities; day use/picnic sites with privies or vault toilets; campsites with privies/vault toilets, fire rings, and picnic tables; and trails (both motorized and non-motorized). The following describes those facilities with accommodations for less-abled or disabled recreationists.

**1. Boat Access facilities:** There are 48 trailerable boat access facilities on BPL public reserved lands. Only 5 of these have hard ramps, and of these, 3 have some accessibility accommodation. In addition, one gravel boat ramp has some accommodation. Below is the data for those with accommodations. *Fully Accessible* means the facility has accessible parking, pathways, and docks. *Barrier Free* means that the surfaces and slopes of the paths and ramps are suitable for those with some mobility impairment, but it is not fully accessible to those requiring the most accommodation.

- Chain of Ponds Unit, Natanis Pond, Franklin Co: *Barrier free*, hard surface
- Richardson Unit, Upper Richardson Lake, Oxford Co: *Fully Accessible*, hard surface
- Richardson Unit, Mooselookmeguntic Lake, Oxford Co: *Barrier free*, hard surface
- Donnell Pond Unit, Long Lake, Hancock Co.: *Barrier free*, gravel surface

**2. Trails, day use (picnic) and camping areas:** Across all regions there are a limited number of facilities that have accessibility accommodations. Some of the drive-to day use and camping sites have ADA accessible vault toilets, and some can be utilized with a Recreational Vehicle (RV), though no hook-ups or pump out facilities are provided. Specific sites are described below:

### Western Region

- Bigelow Preserve, Round Barn camping/day use area, Flagstaff Lake Somerset Co: This facility has one ADA compliant vault toilet, designated parking area, and campsite.
- Little Moose Unit, near Greenville, Piscataquis Co: Small pond with an accessible fishing pier and perimeter trail (less than one-half mile).
- Kennebec Highlands, Belgrade, Kennebec Co: Accessible foot trails in development in partnership with Belgrade Region Conservation Alliance.

### Eastern Region

- Cutler Unit, Washington County: ADA accessible vault toilet at trailhead.
- Duck Lake Unit, Washington Co:
  - Duck Lake- 2 campsites with accessible vault toilet (access to campsite for mobility impaired but not wheelchair accessible); 4 sites accessible by RVs
  - Unknown Ponds -2 campsites with accessible vault toilet (access to campsite for mobility impaired but not wheelchair accessible); 6 sites accessible by RVs
  - Gassabias Lake – 3 sites accessible by RVs
- Machias River Corridor, Washington Co:
  - 5 sites with ADA accessible vault toilets, all at vehicle accessible sites.
  - 4 sites that can accommodate RVs, (2 sites accommodate 1 RV, 1 accommodates 2, and the other, 5 RVs)

- Rocky Lake Unit, Washington Co: One drive-to camping area that can accommodate 2 RVs
- Seboeis Lake Unit, Piscataquis Co:
  - 3 sites that accommodate RVs (two sites accommodate 1 RV, one accommodates 3 RVs)
- Nahmakanta Unit, Piscataquis Co: RV accessible sites at 2 areas: 2 sites at Leavitt Pond; and 3 sites at Musquash Field.
- Donnell Pond Unit, Hancock Co:
  - Tunk Lake: 1 accessible vault toilet at the boat launch
  - Donnell Pond: 1 accessible vault toilet at the boat launch (west side); and one at the parking area for the Schoodic Beach/Trailhead area.
- Across various units, associated with ADA vault toilets, 15 picnic tables designed to accommodate wheelchairs.

#### **Northern Region**

- Deboullie Unit, Aroostook Co: ADA accessible vault toilet at the Perch Pond boat access
- Scraggly Unit, Penobscot Co: ADA accessible vault toilet at the boat launch/group campsite.