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NOTICE: Spring Restrictions in Baxter State Park Will Remain in Force During the April 2024 Total Solar Eclipse



**No Camping
in the Park**

With thinning ice on the ponds and lakes and variable snow cover for cross-country skiing and snowmobiling, the unpredictable conditions of spring in northern Maine make access to the wilderness difficult at this time of year. Therefore, **all campgrounds close** throughout April each year. It is **illegal to camp outside of designated campgrounds** in the Park at any time of year.



**Katahdin & the Traveler
Range are Closed**

Katahdin and the Traveler Range are home to **highly fragile ecosystems**. The critically important plants that grow in these alpine environments **cannot withstand foot traffic** during spring weather conditions. To fulfill our primary objective of preserving the Park's ecosystems, we close these trails every April. You can help us in this endeavor by observing the rules and respecting trail closures during this time.



**No Vehicular Access
to Park Gates**

During the winter months, approach roads to the Park gates are not plowed and are designated snowmobile trails. For safety reasons, **it is illegal to drive any other motor vehicle on a snowmobile trail**.

Snowmobiles may access the Park during this time, but are restricted to the **Tote Road only**.

Heads Up!

The eclipse will be somewhat low on the Southwestern horizon; to view the sun with Katahdin, you will need to be at a high vantage point northeast of the mountain.



Where Else Can You View the Eclipse?

The Katahdin Chamber of Commerce provides a listing of viewing locations ("Star Parks") and eclipse events in the Katahdin region: <https://www.katahdinmaine.com/eclipse-events/>

The Maine Office of Tourism lists eclipse viewing events and opportunities along the path of the eclipse across the state: <https://visitmaine.com/things-to-do/in-the-sky/solar-eclipse-2024>

Thank you for being safe and helping us to protect our treasured park!