

Annual List of Rule-Making Activity
Rules Adopted January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015
Prepared by the Secretary of State, pursuant to 5 MRS §8053, sub-§5

Agency name: Baxter State Park Authority
Umbrella-Unit: 94-293
Statutory authority: None provided
Chapter number/title: Ch. 1, Baxter State Park Rules and Regulations
Filing number: 2015-104
Effective date: 6/1/2015
Type of rule: Routine Technical
Emergency rule: No

Principal reason or purpose for rule:

Ch. 1 Rule 5.5: To provide increased recreational opportunities for park visitors without increasing impacts on the natural resources.

Ch. 1 Rule 5.6: To protect against negative impacts to the natural resources and negative impacts to visitor experiences.

Basis statement:

Current Rule 5.5

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Proposed Rule 5.5

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Rationale:

Rule 5.5 - This change is necessary to increase recreational opportunities for Baxter State Park visitors without increasing impacts on natural resources.

Current Rule 5.6

Take off and landing of aircraft in the Park is prohibited except on Matagamon, Nesowadenhunk, and Webster Lakes. Persons landing aircraft on permitted waters in the Park must register with Park Headquarters or a gatehouse in advance. "Aircraft" is defined to include any machine or device capable of deriving support in the atmosphere from the reactions of the air, including, but not limited to model craft, hot air balloons, hang gliders, para-sails and para-gliders.

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reactions of the air, including, but not limited to model craft, hot air balloons, hang gliders, para-sails and para-gliders-, and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV's).

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Rationale:

Rule 5.6 - This change is necessary in order to adequately protect the natural resources and visitor experience in Baxter State Park.

Fiscal impact of rule:

None.