

**Annual List of Rulemaking Activity**  
**Rules Adopted January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017**  
*Prepared by the Secretary of State pursuant to 5 MRS §8053-A, sub-§5*

**Agency name:** **Baxter State Park Authority**  
**Umbrella-Unit:** **94-293**  
**Statutory authority:** 12 MRS §903  
**Chapter number/title:** **Ch. 1, Baxter State Park Rules and Regulations: Rule 1.2,**  
Camping is permitted by reservation  
**Filing number:** **2017-034**  
**Effective date:** 3/4/2017  
**Type of rule:** Routine Technical  
**Emergency rule:** No

**Principal reason or purpose for rule:**

This is an amendment to an existing rule. The current rule specifies the dates of May 15 through October 15 as the permitted dates for summer season camping in Baxter State Park. The Park has extended the camping season at three (3) campgrounds to October 22. The addition of North Branch Camps as a group site facilitates the growing need for sites that accommodate more than 12 people.

**Basis statement / summary:**

The Park has extended the camping season at three (3) campgrounds to October 22. The addition of North Branch Camps as a group site facilitates the growing need for sites that accommodate more than 12 people. This additional week of camping at three (3) campsites in Baxter State Park will be reserved and administered in accordance with BSP policy and the addition of North Branch Camps as a group site will be reserved and administered in the same way as other group sites and in accordance with BSP policy.

In recognition of warmer seasons and later date of first winter snowfall, the Park is providing more opportunity for the public to camp in Baxter State Park. The North Branch Camps addition as a group site was decided upon based on its remote location (not currently utilized) and due to the structures at this site being well suited for group accommodations.

**Fiscal impact of rule:**

One additional week of Baxter State Park revenue at three campsites.

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**Statutory authority:** 12 MRS §903  
**Chapter number/title:** **Ch. 1, Baxter State Park Rules and Regulations: Rule 1.3,**  
All persons entering the Park by road or trail  
**Filing number:** **2017-035**  
**Effective date:** 3/4/2017  
**Type of rule:** Routine Technical  
**Emergency rule:** No

**Principal reason or purpose for rule:**

This is an amendment to an existing rule and its purpose is to integrate the AT-Katahdin Hiker Permit Card system into the Jong-distance hiker registration process at Baxter State Park.

**Basis statement / summary:**

The purpose of this rule revision is to integrate the AT-Katahdin Hiker Permit Card system into the registration of long-distance hikers in Baxter State Park.

Baxter State Park Gate Attendants and Park Rangers will ensure that AT Hikers have permit cards and that they have registered with Baxter State Park

Long Distance Hiker Entrance Permit Statistical Data over a period of several years was considered in integrating the AT-Katahdin Hiker Permit Card System.

**Fiscal impact of rule:**

N/A

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**Statutory authority:** 12 MRS §903  
**Chapter number/title:** **Ch. 1, Baxter State Park Rules and Regulations: Rule 5.1,**  
The operation of motorized trail bikes, and ATVs  
**Filing number:** **2017-036**  
**Effective date:** 3/4/2017  
**Type of rule:** Routine Technical  
**Emergency rule:** No

**Principal reason or purpose for rule:**

To accommodate the growing interest of the sport of winter bicycling within Baxter State Park.

**Basis statement / summary:**

Following a multi-year trial allowing winter bike use on the Abol Stream Trail, this rule revision is being adopted to allow bicycle use on that trail for the winter months and will accommodate the growing interest of the sport of winter bicycling within Baxter State Park.

Winter bicycle use on the Abol Stream Trail will be monitored and enforced by Park Rangers.

**Fiscal impact of rule:**

N/A

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**Statutory authority:** 12 MRS §903  
**Chapter number/title:** **Ch. 1, Baxter State Park Rules and Regulations: **Rule 5.6**, Take off and landing of aircraft in the Park**  
**Filing number:** **2017-037**  
**Effective date:** 3/4/2017  
**Type of rule:** Routine Technical  
**Emergency rule:** No

**Principal reason or purpose for rule:**

To further enforce UAV use and accommodate and protect the Wilderness Experience of the Park for its visitors and wildlife.

**Basis statement / summary:**

This rule revision considers the protection of the Wilderness experience that is Baxter State Park with regard to the growing interest in UAVs and increased reports of the use of UAVs in Baxter State Park.

Baxter State Park Rangers will enforce this rule and monitor adherence in their regular course of duties.

**Fiscal impact of rule:**

N/A